

# ANNUAL REPORT

*for the Town of*  
Alton, New Hampshire



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*For the Fiscal Year Ending December 31, 1953*



# **ANNUAL REPORTS**

OF THE

## **SELECTMEN**

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## **SCHOOL REPORT**

OF THE

**TOWN OF ALTON, N. H.**

FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31st,

**1953**

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### FIRE ALARM SIGNALS

<i>Box No.</i>	<i>Location</i>
3	Brush fire. Repeat three times.
4	Alton Bay Fire Station.
5	Central Schoolhouse.
6	Town Hall.
12	Campground Store.
13	Alton Bay, near Lester Downing Residence.
14	Gilman Road, corner Mitchell Avenue.
24	Main Street, corner School Street.
26	Main Street, Wolfeboro Hill.
31	Oak Birch Inn.
32	Gilmanton Road, corner Mill Street.
36	Opposite Wyman's Garage.
41	Bay Schoolhouse.
42	Main Street, foot Rollins' Hill.
43	Main Street, near Fred Colbath Residence.
2-2-2	Out of town call. All firemen to report at station.
1-1	All out signal.
2	Blasts at 7:30 a. m., no school.
2	Blasts at 7:30 p. m., Fire Department meeting.
1	Blast, water to be shut off in thirty minutes.

### NOTICE

Brush fire, chimney fire, and all outside fire alarms are to be telephoned to the Alton operator, who will sound the proper alarm, and notify the proper authorities. This will be done by means of a control box now in the central office. State clearly the nature, extent and location of the fire. By complying with the above much time and property may be saved.

### INSTRUCTIONS FOR OPERATING A BOX

Opening a box does not sound alarm: Pull down handle. Anyone sounding alarm to remain at box to direct firemen. Second alarm to be sounded by order of the chief engineer only. Test alarm every day at 12:45. Do not sound alarm unless necessary.

HERBERT B. CARD      RICHARD BRADSTREET  
WESTON ALDEN  
Fire Wards of Alton

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**TOWN OFFICERS**

**Selectmen**

W. ROY BARNHILL	Term Expires	1954
CHESTER W. LITTLEFIELD	" "	1955
LEON T. DODGE	" "	1956

**Clerk**

ETHEL W. MORRELL

**Treasurer**

STELLA F. AYER

**Tax Collector**

RAYMOND C. DUNCAN

**Auditors**

LESTER F. DOWNING                      GEORGE H. WALLACE

**Trustees of Trust Funds**

CALVIN WYMAN	Term Expires	1954
FRANK M. AYER	" "	1955
ALTA H. McDUFFEE	" "	1956

**Trustees of Public Library**

DONALD GOWEN	Term Expires	1954
HAROLD CLOUGH	" "	1955
ANNIE A. WHEELER	" "	1956

**Precinct Commissioners**

RAYMOND C. DUNCAN                      LAWRENCE P. BECK  
RAYMOND A. LAMONT

**Representative to the General Court**

FREDERICK M. PERKINS

**Moderator**

FRANK M. AYER

**Supervisors of the Check List**

NELLE S. P. CLOUGH                      BURTON S. HALE  
CAROLYN WALLACE

**Chief of Police**

HAROLD E. TIBBETTS

**Constable**

HAROLD E. TIBBETTS

**Highway Agent**

FORREST B. VARNEY

**Health Officer**

RALPH STEVENS

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## Fire Wards

HERBERT D. CARD                      RICHARD BRADSTREET  
WESTON ALDEN

## Forest Fire Warden

HAROLD E. PRIME

## Deputy Forest Fire Wardens

HAROLD CLOUGH                      CHARLES ROBERTS  
OLIVER BARNES    LEWIS HAYES    HERBERT CARD

## School Board

HAROLD SANBORN	Term Expires	1954
ELLIOT W. BURBANK	" "	1955
ARTHUR F. TILTON	" "	1956

## Superintendent of Schools

JOHN W. DAY

## Librarian

ANNIE A. WHEELER

## Justice of Municipal Court

CARL W. WYMAN

## Water Commissioners

HERBERT D. CARD	Term Expires	1954
HERBERT T. ALDEN	" "	1955
CARL T. ANDERSON	" "	1956

## Budget Committee

HARRY M. ALLEN	Term Expires	1954
WILLIAM L. PATTERSON	" "	1954
PHILLIP A. DROSTIE	" "	1954
EDWARD H. DOWNING	" "	1955
ROBERT JONES	" "	1955
ARCHIE HORNE	" "	1955
FRANK J. McGRATH	" "	1956
FRED M. PERKINS	" "	1956
HAROLD E. PRIME	" "	1956

HAROLD SANBORN . . . . . School Committee

W. ROY BARNHILL . . . . . Selectman

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## BUDGET

Estimates of Revenue and Expenditures for the Ensuing year, January 1, 1954 to December 31, 1954. Compared with Estimated and Actual Revenue, Appropriations and Expenditures of the Previous Year January 1, 1953 to December 31, 1953.

Sources of Revenue	Estimated Revenue Previous Year 1953	Actual Revenue Previous Year 1953	Estimated Revenue Ensuing Year 1954
<b>From State:</b>			
Interest and Dividends Tax	\$6,368.64	\$6,368.64	\$5,000.00
Railroad Tax	450.00	628.38	450.00
Savings Bank Tax	100.00	161.79	100.00
Building and Loan Association Tax, Class V		5,771.15	
Reimbursement a/c State and Federal forest lands	22.08	22.08	
Reimbursement a/c Exemption of Bounties		205.00	174.75
Growing Wood and Timber	1,290.17	1,290.17	
For Fighting Forest Fires		204.20	
Reimbursement a/c Old Age Assistance		1,100.39	
Gas Tax		64.13	
<b>From Local Sources Except Taxes:</b>			
Dog Licenses	350.00	576.07	359.00
Business Licenses, Permits and Filing Fees	200.00	225.50	200.00
Fines and Forfeits, Municipal Court	500.00	390.00	5.00
Rent of Town Hall and Other Buildings	800.00	632.00	500.00
Interest Received on Taxes and Deposits		1,428.38	
Income from Trust Funds	300.00	420.00	
<b>Income of Departments:</b>			
(a) Highway		258.40	
(b) Tarvia		1,596.10	
Shore Roads		1,508.60	
Grader		1,556.65	
Culverts & chloride		79.42	
<b>Income From Municipally Owned Utilities:</b>			
(a) Water Departments Notes		2,400.00	
Sale of Tax Deeded Property	500.00		

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Motor Vehicle Permit Fees	5,500.00	6,385.46	5,500.00
Sale of Town Property		700.00	100.00
Fire Dept. Refunds		966.33	
Ambulance		286.00	
Social Security		70.52	
All Other Sources		284.87	
Timber Bond		200.00	
Blue Cross Refunds		692.10	

## Amount Raised by Issue of Bonds or Notes:

(State Purpose of Each Issue)

T. R. A.		20,000.00	
Temporary Loans		40,000.00	
Cash on Hand January 1st.		19,676.94	
Taxes Redeemed		752.74	
Taxes All Years		134,734.08	
Poll Taxes—Regular @ \$2	1,380.00		
National Bank Stock Taxes	36.50	26.00	
Yield Taxes All Years		5,385.74	
Head Taxes All Years		3,884.00	

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Total Revenues from All Sources		\$259,641.66	
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Total Town & School Appropriations	\$150,898.35		\$160,441.47
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Amount to be Raised by Prop Taxes	136,508.00		
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## Purposes of Expenditures:

### Current Maintenance Expenses:

#### General Government:

Town Officers' Salaries	\$3,800.00	\$3,746.75	\$3,600.00
Town Officers' Expenses	2,000.00	1,806.90	2,400.00
Election and Registration Expenses	350.00	187.50	500.00
Municipal Court Expenses	260	150.00	150.00
Expenses Town Hall and other			
Town Buildings	5,200.00	5,980.69	4,275.00

#### Protection of Persons and Property:

Police Department	3,600.00	3,523.21	3,800.00
Fire Department	5,700.00	6,800.95	6,000.00
Moth Exterm.—Blister Rust			
& Care of Trees	650.00	625.00	650.00



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Bookkeeper	2,200.00	2,199.60	2,400.00
Emergency Phone Service	1,200.00	823.22	2,080.00
Fire Tank Truck			2,500.00
<b>Health:</b>			
Hospitals	400.00	400.00	400.00
Vital Statistics	35.00	10.45	35.00
Town Dump	1,800.00	1,629.47	1,800.00
<b>Highways and Bridges:</b>			
Tarvia	2,500.00	4,262.32	2,500.00
Town Maintenance—Summer	9,100	9,807.16	9,000.00
Town Maintenance—Winter	6,300.00	6,661.90	6,300.00
Street Lighting	150.00	132.00	450.00
Gen. Expenses of Highway Dept.	4,500.00	5,611.03	5,000.00
Town Road Aid:			
Shore Roads	1,500.00	2,122.38	2,000.00
Class V Roads	865.67	27,636.82	879.26
<b>Libraries:</b>			
Libraries	2,400.00	2,246.41	2,400.00
<b>Public Welfare:</b>			
Blue Cross		708.80	
Town Poor	2,500.00	627.57	2,000.00
Old Age Assistance	9,000.00	7,571.39	9,000.00
<b>Patriotic Purposes:</b>			
Memorial Day and Veterans'			
Associations	175.00	175.00	175.00
Aid to Soldiers and Their Families	300.00	101.22	300.00
Taxes Bought by Town		1,090.54	
<b>Recreation:</b>			
Parks and Playgrounds	2,000.00	1,993.50	2,000.00
<b>Public Service Enterprises:</b>			
Lake Wall			1,000.00
Municipally Owned Water	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00
Cemeteries	1,000.00	792.53	1,000.00
Airports—Summer & Winter			
Activities	1,900.00	2,261.60	1,900.00
Bounties		174.75	

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## Unclassified:

### Damages & Legal Expenses including

Dog Damage	250.00	23.49	250.00
Advertising and Regional Associations	444.00	444.00	476.00
Employees' Retirement and Social Security	300.00	342.50	500.00

Interest	1,000.00	1,582.37	1,300.00
Temporary Loans		40,000.00	
Bonded Debt	3,783.00	6,183.00	3,783.00
Head Tax		4,891.26	

### Outlay for New Construction and Permanent Improvement:

Signs		267.42	
Precinct	1,500.00	1,500.00	2,900.00
Bridge	2,200.00		2,200.00
Refunds		254.85	

Sidewalk Construction—Young's	1,295.95		
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### Payment on Principal of Debt:

County Tax	10,295.05	10,295.05	10,000.00
Payment to Capital Reserve Funds	1,000.00	2,000.00	
Schools	59,300.63	64,209.62	64,438.21

Total Expenditures	\$236,089.97	\$160,441.47	
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EDWARD H. DOWNING  
 FREDERICK W. PERKINS  
 HARRY M. ALLEN  
 HAROLD PRIME  
 WILLIAM L. PATTERSON  
 ROBERT JONES  
 HAROLD SANBORN  
 PHILLIP DROSTIE  
 ARCHIE HORNE  
 W. ROY BARNHILL

## **ALTON WARRANT**

### **STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE**

To the Inhabitants of the Town of Alton, in the County of Belknap, in said State, qualified to vote in Town Affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet at the Town Hall, in said Alton, on Tuesday, the ninth day of March next, at nine o'clock in the forenoon, to act upon the following subjects:

Article 1. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate to pay all necessary charges of the Town for the ensuing year.

Article 2. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the repairs of highways and bridges for the ensuing year, in addition to that required by law.

Article 3. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the removal of snow from the Town's highways.

Article 4. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate to be expended on roads leading to shore property, in conjunction with the amounts raised and expended by property owners.

Article 5. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the purchase of Tarvia and application of same.

Article 6. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$879.26 provided that the State will contribute \$5,861.74 for Class V roads, so called.

Article 7. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to borrow necessary monies in anticipation of taxes.

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Article 8. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the decoration of Soldiers' graves.

Article 9. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the maintenance of the Public Library in addition to that required by law.

Article 10. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$400.00 to be expended under State supervision for the control of White Pine Blister Rust.

Article 11. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$346.00 to the Lakes Region Association of New Hampshire, which is one hundredth of one percent of the assessed valuation, for the purpose of publicizing and promoting the natural advantages and resources of the Town.

Article 12. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$250.00 for spraying trees along the highways.

Article 13. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,900.00 for band concerts, summer and winter activities.

Article 14. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$130.00 for advertising "This is New Hampshire" in an advertising program sponsored by the magazine "New Hampshire Profile."

Article 15. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$200.00 for the support of Huggins Hospital at Wolfeboro, N. H.

Article 16. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$200.00 for the support of Laconia Hospital at Laconia, N. H.

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Article 17. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$2,080.00 as a salary for the person on duty as operator of the Fire and Police telephones.

Article 18. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money, not to exceed \$2,500.00, to purchase and equip a tank truck for fire fighting and that the Selectmen appoint a committee of three to work with the Fire Wardens to purchase and equip the same.

Article 19. To see if the Town will vote to elect one Fire Ward for three years, one for two years and one for one year at the 1955 annual Town Meeting and to elect one Fire Ward each year thereafter for a term of three years.

Article 20. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,000.00 to build a retaining wall on the shore of the lake, south of the Community House.

Article 21. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to use a part of the surplus cash to relieve the tax rate for 1954.

Article 22. To see if the Town will vote to rescind any vote that has been taken at previous meetings establishing the office of Water Commissioners.

Article 23. To see if the Town will vote to create the office of Superintendent of Water Works to be either elected by popular vote or appointed by the Selectmen, said official to be subject to supervision by the Board of Selectmen whether elected or appointed.

Article 24. To see if the Town will vote to make the following extensions to the water system: to Riverside Drive so called, to extend 6" mains to Oak Birch Inn, also to extend summer service through the Hobbs-Jones develop-

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ment and to authorize the Selectmen to borrow on long term notes or bonds, a sum not to exceed \$10,000.00 to finance the same. This work shall be performed under the direct supervision of the Selectmen and shall be done by the contract method.

Article 25. To hear the reports of agents, auditors, committees or officers heretofore chosen and to pass any vote relating thereto.

Article 26. To choose all necessary Town Officers for the ensuing year, to elect one Selectman for three years, one Library Trustee for three years, one Trustee of Trust Funds for three years and one Water Commissioner for three years.

Given under our hands and seal this 19th day of February, 1954.

W. ROY BARNHILL  
CHESTER W. LITTLEFIELD  
LEON T. DODGE

Selectmen of Alton

A true copy, Attest:

W. ROY BARNHILL  
CHESTER W. LITTLEFIELD  
LEON T. DODGE

Selectmen of Alton

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## SELECTMEN'S REPORT

### Valuation April 1st, 1953

Real Estate (Land and Buildings)	\$3,211,090.00
Electric Plants	121,882.00
Personal Estate	239,165.00

Gross Valuation	\$3,572,137.00
Less Soldiers' exemptions	107,467.00

Net Valuation on which tax rate is based	\$3,464,670.00
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### Detail of Personal Estate:

Horses	(19)	\$ 1,950.00
Cows	(114)	15,400.00
Other neat stock	(26)	2,435.00
Sheep and Goats	(6)	115.00
Fowls	(2675)	2,530.00
Boats and Launches	(281)	101,250.00
Portable Mills	(12)	12,550.00
Wood, Lumber etc		40,705.00
Gas Pumps, Tanks	(46)	5,730.00
Mills and Machinery	(8)	6,200.00
Stock in Trade		49,800.00
Wharves	(1)	500.00
Total		\$239,165.00

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## SCHEDULE OF TOWN PROPERTY

Town Hall, Land and Building	\$35,000.00
Furniture and equipment	1,500.00
Library, Land and Building	22,000.00
Books and equipment	2,000.00
Fire Department, Land and Buildings	1,000.00

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Apparatus	21,450.00
Highway Dept., Tractor house and shed	2,000.00
Plows and equipment	10,200.00
Truck	1,200.00
New grader	8,500.00
Snow fences	700.00
Gravel banks	250.00
Place lot and stable	5,000.00
Old grader	3,500.00
Police Dept., Ambulance	2,000.00
Other property and equipment	
Wm. Charlesworth Levy Park	1,500.00
Public wharfs	3,000.00
Marine and Bay yard Bandstands	1,500.00
Public Beach	4,500.00
Alton Water Works System	73,465.00
Railroad Property	8,000.00
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Total	\$208,265.00



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## Comparative Balance Sheets, 1952-1953

Assets:	Dec. 31, 1952	Dec. 31, 1953
Cash in hands of Treasurer	\$19,676.94	\$23,551.69
Water Department	3,628.07	6,989.12
<b>Capital Reserve:</b>		
Municipal Improvement Fund	11,797.01	14,176.14
<b>Accounts Due Town:</b>		
Bounties	205.00	174.75
Tarvia-culverts, etc.	309.57	361.21
Unpaid water accounts	2,444.03	2,568.02
Balance T. R. A., (state)		118.53
Unredeemed taxes	839.02	1,208.12
<b>Uncollected Taxes:</b>		
Levy of 1953		21,759.18
Levy of 1952	18,272.00	666.47
Previous years	27.27	6.00
Head taxes	1,047.00	1,100.00
Yield Taxes	3,502.59	2,432.34
<b>Total Assets</b>	<b>\$62,135.51</b>	<b>\$75,111.63</b>
<b>Liabilities:</b>	<b>Dec. 31, 1952</b>	<b>Dec. 31, 1953</b>
<b>Accounts owed by Town:</b>		
Yield Tax Bonds		\$200.00
Head Taxes (collected)	\$1,332.80	378.85
Head Taxes (uncollected)	1,047.00	980.00
Due School District	21,709.62	16,800.63
<b>Capital Reserve:</b>		
Municipal Improvement Fund	11,797.01	14,176.14
Yield Tax Reserve	5,638.39	9,394.51
Beaver Bridge (unexpended)		2,200.00
<b>Long Term Notes:</b>		
T. R. A., (class V roads)		20,000.00
Ambulance	2,000.00	1,000.00
Grader	11,132.00	8,349.00
Water Department	28,900.00	31,500.00
<b>Total Liabilities</b>	<b>\$83,556.82</b>	<b>\$104,979.13</b>
<b>Total Assets</b>	<b>62,135.51</b>	<b>75,111.63</b>
<b>Net Debt</b>	<b>\$21,421.31</b>	<b>\$29,867.50</b>

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## TOTAL EXPENDITURES

January 1, 1953 - December 31, 1953

Town Officers' Salaries	\$3,746.75
Town Officers' Expenses	1,806.90
Election and Registration	187.50
Municipal Court	150.00
Town Hall and Buildings	5,980.69
Police Department	3,523.21
Fire Department	6,800.95
Moth and Blister Rust	625.00
Bounties	174.75
Dog Damage	23.49
Health Department	1,629.47
Vital Statistics	10.25
Special Articles	7,614.57
Highway, Summer	9,807.16
Highway, Winter	6,661.90
Highway, General Expense	5,611.03
Bookkeeper	2,199.60
Blue Cross	708.80
Street Lighting	132.00
Library	2,246.41
Old Age Assistance	7,571.39
Town Poor	627.57
Memorial Day	175.00
Soldier's Aid	101.22
Parks and Playgrounds	1,993.50
Cemeteries	792.53
Taxes Bought by Town	1,090.54
Municipal Improvement Fund	2,000.00
Refunds	254.85
Interest	1,582.37
Social Security	342.50
T. R. A.	27,636.82

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Tarvia	4,202.32
Water Works (Beach)	1,000.00
Temporary Loans	40,000.00
Term Notes	6,183.00
County Tax	10,295.05
Precinct	1,500.00
School District	64,209.62*
State Head Tax	4,891.26

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\$236,089.97

\* \$21,709.62 ('52-'53)  
42,500.00 ('53-'54)

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\$64,209.62

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### DETAIL OF REFUNDS, SELECTMEN'S ACCOUNT

From the State:

Forestry Training	\$10.18
Forest Lands	22.08
Old Age Assistance	1,100.39
Forest Fires	204.20
Gas Tax	64.13
Grader	1,157.50
Bounties	205.00

All other sources:

Tarvia	1,596.10
Shore roads	1,508.60
Grader	399.15
Fire Bills	956.15
Summer Highway work	258.40
Ambulance	286.00
Alton Fuel Co.	42.75
Culverts	75.72

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Chloride	3.70
Social Security	70.52
Insurance	81.12
Advanced Wages	25.00
Relief	40.00
Firewood	12.00
Trust Funds (band concerts)	420.00

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Total	\$7,156.90
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### DETAIL STATEMENT OF PAYMENTS

#### Detail 1. Town Officers' Salaries:

Raymond C. Duncan, Tax Collector	\$1,385.00
Ethel W. Morrell, Town Clerk (fees)	634.00
W. Roy Barnhill, Selectman	492.50
Chester W. Littlefield, Selectman	445.50
Leon T. Dodge, Selectman	394.00
Stella F. Ayer, Treasurer	246.25
Frank M. Ayer, Trust Funds	100.00
State of N. H., Social Security	49.50

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Total	\$3,746.75
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Appropriation	\$3,800.00
Expenditures	3,746.75

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Unexpended balance	\$53.25
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#### Detail 2. Town Officers' Expenses:

Jones Agency, insurance	\$325.90
Morrell's Agency, insurance	163.00
Alton Press, printing	380.80
Sargent Brothers, printing	87.63
Farmington News, printing	66.25

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E. C. Eastman Co., supplies	140.65
Brown-Saltmarsh Co., supplies	17.41
J. Jones & Son, supplies	8.75
Goodman's Book Store, supplies	3.30
Wheeler-Clark, supplies	5.26
Burroughs Co., service-supplies	24.62
James F. McGrath, labor-supplies	20.61
Martin A. Lynch, postage	36.38
Arthur P. Varney, postage	11.00
Joseph A. O'Brien, stamps, box rent	10.40
Chas. P. Raymond, Registrar of Deeds	55.20
R. C. Tilton, Registrar of Probate	1.50
George H. Wallace, auditor	59.50
Robert Jones, auditor	42.00
R. C. Duncan, supplies, expenses	183.97
E. W. Morrell, supplies, expenses	72.85
F. M. Ayer, supplies, expenses	49.16
W. Roy Barnhill, supplies, expenses	20.44
Stella F. Ayer, supplies, expenses	7.32
Studley Flower Gardens, spray	5.00
Association of N. H. Assessors, dues	3.00
N. H. Tax Collector Association, dues	2.00
Town Clerk's Association, dues	2.00

	Total	\$1,806.90
Appropriation		\$2,000.00
Expenditures		1,806.90

Unexpended balance	\$193.10
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## Detail 3. Election and Registration:

Farmington News, printing	\$38.50
Merrymeeting Grange, dinners	36.00
Carolyn Wallace, supervisor	23.00
Nelle S. P. Clough, supervisor	23.00

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Burton Hale, supervisor	23.00
Frank M. Ayer, moderator	20.00
Elizabeth Beaudette, inspector	8.00
Pauline Card, inspector	8.00
R. C. Duncan, inspector	8.00

	<hr/>	Total	\$187.50
Appropriation			\$350.00
Expenditures			187.50

Unexpended balance	<hr/>	\$162.50
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## Detail 5. Town Hall and Buildings:

Alton Fuel Co., fuel oil	\$747.11
White Mt. Power Co., electricity	222.54
Union Telephone Co., telephones	165.00
Jones Agency, insurance	368.60
Morrell's Agency, insurance	191.95
Frank M. Ayer, insurance	50.00
Chas. H. Andrews, janitor	1,255.00
Herbert D. Card, labor, material	861.67
Walter Varney, labor	182.47
Fred M. Perkins, labor	80.97
Oliver W. Barnes, material	14.69
J. Jones & Son, supplies	297.59
F. J. McGrath, supplies	48.89
Jas. F. McGrath, labor, material	42.29
Chas. H. Andrews, painting	263.80
Richard L. Cate, painting	200.00
C. Roy Barnes, labor, material	787.12
Nu-Floor Co., shades	58.55
West Disinfect Co., floor oil	38.60
Alton Water Works, '53 water	50.00
The Clock Shop, repairs	7.50
State of N. H., Social Security	25.80

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Highway payroll, labor	6.60
A. Hallworth, piano tuning	6.00
Waxine Co., supplies	4.45
Curtis Whittier, signs	2.00
Fred Brown, labor	1.50

	Total	\$5,980.69
Appropriation		\$5,200.00
Expenditures		5,980.69

Over draft	\$780.69
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## Detail 6. Police Department:

State of N. H., Social Security	\$48.65
Frank M. Ayer, insurance	86.00
Morrell's Agency, insurance	30.85
Jones Agency, bond	10.00
Harold E. Tibbetts, hospital bill	75.00
James F. McGrath, labor, material	85.61
Union Telephone Co., phone bills	35.25
Downing's Garage, gas, oil, tires, etc.	78.85
Wyman's Garage, gas, oil, etc.	32.38
Smith-Bennett Co., shirts	30.10
W. S. Darley Co., supplies	32.10
Harold E. Tibbetts, supplies	16.58
J. Jones & Son, supplies	7.93
Harold E. Tibbetts, payroll	1,584.21
Gardner L. Rowell, payroll	927.41
Ralph A. Weeks, payroll	326.40
Clarence Hills, payroll	88.51
Ralph Jardine, payroll	5.00
Ray Lamont, payroll	3.75
Dwight Drew, payroll	3.13
Richard Downing, payroll	2.50

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Curtis Whittier, signs	12.00
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Total	\$3,523.21
Appropriation	\$3,600.00
Expenditures	3,523.21
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Unexpended balance	\$76.79
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## Detail 7. Fire Department:

Reed's Oil Co., fuel oil	\$145.98
Downing's Garage, labor, gas, oil, etc.	150.32
White Mt. Power Co., electricity	127.95
Union Telephone Co., alarm, phone bills	298.50
James W. Barclay, steward	141.00
Alton Fuel Co., fuel oil	78.81
Mass. Bonding Co., insurance	182.70
L. A. Richardson, radio repairs	75.87
American Fire Equipment, fire equipment	602.66
Harold Prime, payroll	1,427.88
James F. McGrath, labor, material	35.17
Alton Press, printing	12.75
Don's Shell Station, gas, oil	5.55
Forestry Comm., equipment	94.38
Alton Bottled Gas, fuel	5.50
Lakes Region Fire Association, dues	6.00
Gray's Shell Station, gas	.86
Dick's Amoco Station, gas, oil, etc.	20.63
Frank M. Ayer, insurance	81.60
N. H. State Fireman's Association, insurance	43.00
Sudbury Laboratory, equipment	39.50
Towles Auto Body, parts	9.50
Maxim Motor Co., parts	193.67
Peterson's, express	1.80
H. D. Card, fireward	200.00
J. Jones & Son, supplies	1.80



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Wyman's Garage, gas	1.50
Willey's Co., express	2.27
Rawland Dore, payroll	893.80
Alton Water Works, hydrant rental	1,920.00

	Total	\$6,800.95
Appropriation		\$5,700.00
Refunds		1,160.35

Total available	6,860.35
Expenditures	6,800.95

Unexpended balance	\$59.40
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## Detail 11. Health Department:

Charles S. Lovett, payroll	\$1,140.51
James Barclay, payroll	119.00
Ralph C. Stevens, expenses	116.74
Herbert D. Card, gravel, bulldozer	166.20
Laconia Laboratory, chemical spraying	65.00
State of N. H. Social Security	19.02
Curtis Whittier, signs	3.00

	Total	\$1,629.47
Appropriation		\$1,800.00
Expenditures		1,629.47

Unexpended balance	\$170.53
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## Detail 13. Special Articles:

Signs	*\$267.42
Lakes Region	344.00
N. H. Profiles	100.00
Boat Races	400.00
Fireworks	300.00

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Boy Scouts	30.00
Swimming lessons	210.00
Shore Roads	2,122.38
Sidewalks	*1,295.95
Public Beach	61.60
Band Concerts	1,260.00
Huggins Hospital	200.00
Laconia Hospital	200.00
Emergency phones	823.22

	Total	\$7,614.57
Appropriations		\$5,444.00
Refunds (band concerts)		420.00
(shore roads)		1,508.60
(surplus*)		1,563.37
Total available		\$8,935.97
Expenditures		7,614.57

Unexpended balance	\$1,321.40
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## Detail 16. General Expense of Highway:

Don's Shell Station, gas, oil, repairs	\$228.75
Alden's Machine Shop, repairs	15.10
Alden's Garage, gas, oil, tires, repairs	835.24
Downing's Garage, gas, oil, parts, repairs	189.69
Wyman's Garage, gas, oil, tires, repairs	479.68
Busy Corner, gas, oil	51.23
Anderson's Station, gas, oil	77.62
Power's Store, gas, oil	40.10
Dick's Amoco, gas, oil	44.70
F. J. McGrath, gas, oil	37.92
Gray's Shell Station, gas, oil	114.49
Woodland's Store, gas, oil	12.24
J. Jones & Son, supplies	282.78

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Alton Fuel Co., fuel and diesel oil	558.61
State of N. H., chloride and cold patch	292.63
Morrell's Agency, insurance	338.90
F. M. Ayer, insurance	21.15
Ray Road Equipment, parts	188.04
Cassellani Co., parts	18.62
R. C. Hazelton Co., parts	377.37
N. H. Explosives Co, parts	131.57
Prison Industries, cement culvert	653.00
Melvin Drew, hauling culvert	83.00
Chemical Corp., salt	204.00
Alloy Industries, grader blades	46.72
C. Roy Barnes, supplies	10.75
Glenn Edwards, lumber	25.07
Brackett-Shaw, sprayer	231.86
Curtis Whittier, signs	10.00
J. Faltin Co., express	7.20
White Mt. Power, electricity	3.00

	Total	\$5,611.03
Appropriation		\$4,500.00
Refunds (grader-culvert)		1,632.37
(gas tax)		64.13
(chloride)		3.70
Total available		\$6,200.20
Expenditures		5,611.03
Unexpended balance		\$589.17

## Highway Payroll, 1953

	Labor	Equipment
Donald Alden	\$657.60	
George Avery	160.40	
Ralph Alden	9.00	
Weston Alden		12.00

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Oliver Barnes		262.40
C. Roy Barnes		26.40
Ernest Batchelder	26.40	
Lawrence Beck		16.00
Ernest Cardinal		265.20
Alfred Capone	7.70	
Herbert Card		307.20
Robert Chamberlain		16.00
Albert Cunningham	94.60	
Melvin Drew		468.00
Donald Dore	4.40	
Ralph Drew	12.40	
Mahlon Davis	180.20	
Carl Desautell	30.80	
Leon Dore	122.60	
Richard Drew	120.50	
Merle Gassett	55.00	
George Helie	555.50	
John E. Helie	1,409.60	
Frank Howard	593.70	
Arthur Hurd	12.10	
Charles W. Jones	554.00	
Robert Lamper	1,310.20	
Clarence Lamper	129.30	
Wilbur Lamper	16.00	
Joseph LaCroix	3.30	
Earl Lathrop	7.00	
William Messer		399.70
Albert Morse	8.80	
George E. Nutter	408.80	
Milton Prime	1,829.80	
Lewis Proctor		15.00
Charles Roberts		18.00
Fred Swett	8.80	
Richard Simonds	13.80	

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Hartley Shields		16.00
Robert Thoroughgood	21.10	
Clarence Tuttle	10.50	
Franklin Varney	983.70	
Forrest Varney	1,856.40	1,032.70
Vance Varney	836.50	
George Varney	184.10	
George Wakefield		2,801.20
William Waterman	205.70	
Totals	\$12,440.30	\$5,655.80

## Detail 20. Library:

Alton Fuel Co., fuel oil		\$192.90
White Mt. Power Co., electricity		60.90
Chas. H. Andrews, janitor		480.00
Frank M. Ayer, insurance		111.60
C. Roy Barnes, screens		191.00
A. A. Wheeler, appro.		1,101.10
Carol Howard, labor		13.00
Erma Thoroughgood, labor		3.25
Claire O'Brien, labor		1.00
Walter Varney, labor		8.72
J. F. McGrath, labor		5.24
Chas. Andrews, painting		44.25
Horne's Store, supplies		5.26
J. Jones & Son, supplies		9.44
State of N. H., Social Security		18.75
	Total	\$2,246.41
Appropriation		\$2,400.00
Expenditures		2,246.41
Unexpended balance		\$153.59

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### Detail 22. Town Poor:

Dr. A. E. Appleyard, medical	\$28.50
Dr. D. E. Eastman, medical	3.50
Dr W. E. Precourt, medical	28.00
Dr R. N. DesMarais, medical	40.00
Laconia Clinic, medical	5.00
Laconia Hospital, medical	9.25
Frisbie Hospital, medical	15.00
Dr. J. G. LeBrun, medical	5.00
Dion's Drug Co., medicine	12.80
Jennie Littlefield, care	31.20
Elmer Kenniston, wood	10.00
Lewis Proctor, wood	35.00
Highway payroll, wood	40.05
Alton I. G. A., food orders	247.21
E. & B. Market, food orders	26.53
J. Jones & Son, supplies	11.00
F. J. McGrath, supplies	2.04
Alton Fuel Co., fuel oil	27.04
C. W. Littlefield, salary, phone	50.45

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Total	\$627.57
Appropriation	\$2,500.00
Expenditures	627.57

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Unexpended balance	\$1,872.43
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### Detail 24. Soldiers' Aid:

Dr. H. E. Trapp, medical	\$11.00
Dr. A. E. Appleyard, medical	4.00
Dr. F. A. Hamel, medical	3.00
A. W. Simoneau, ambulance	5.00
Belknap County Home, care	35.21
Strafford County, care	10.00

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First National Stores, food	20.00
Alton I. G. A., food	12.01

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	Total	\$101.22
Appropriation		\$300.00
Expended		101.22
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Unexpended balance		\$198.78

## Detail 25. Parks and Playgrounds

Ralph Drew, labor	\$772.70
John Kimball, labor	107.00
Joseph Nyman, labor	68.00
Charles LaPointe, labor	19.00
Joseph Condes, plumbing	33.29
Herbert Card, plumbing	18.95
Charles Andrews, painting	63.75
Richard Cate, painting	25.00
James F. McGrath, electrical	285.76
White Mountain Power, lights	45.49
Alton Water Department, 1953	76.16
Highway payroll, labor	36.30
Oliver Barnes, labor and stock	150.63
Frank J. McGrath, supplies	40.56
J. Jones & Son, supplies	38.83
Glenn Edwards, supplies	11.23
Downing's Garage, supplies	5.75
Frank M. Ayer, insurance	45.00
Oliver Shattuck, signs	30.50
Curtis Whittier, signs	7.00
Alton Garden Club, improvements	25.00
Nik-O-Lok Co., 60% receipts	87.60
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Total	\$1,993.50
Appropriation	\$2,000.00

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Expended	1,993.50
Unexpended balance	<hr/> \$7.50

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## RECEIPTS

January 1, 1953 - December 31, 1953

From Local Taxes	
Current year Prop.	\$116,619.45
Current year Poll	1,038.00
Previous years Prop. & Poll	17,076.63
Tax Sales Redeemed	752.74
From the State	14,421.75
Dog Licenses	576.07
Business Licenses and Permits	425.50
Fines and Forfeits	390.00
Blue Cross	692.10
Sale and Rent of Town Prop.	1,332.00
Interest	1,428.38
Registrations Motor Vehicle	6,385.46
Refunds all other sources	7,156.90
Head Tax Penalties	3,884.00
Yield Taxes	5,385.74
Temporary Loans	40,000.00
Bonds and Term Notes	22,400.00
On Hand, January 1st, 1953	19,676.94
Total receipts	<hr/> \$259,641.66
Total expenditures	236,089.97
Cash on hand Dec. 31, 1953	<hr/> \$23,551.69

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## White Pine Blister Rust Control

### Financial Statement

1953

Town of Alton

Town funds expended	\$400.00
Cooperative funds expended	280.02
Total expended	<hr/> \$680.02
Area covered	1,787 acres
Currant and gooseberry bushes destroyed	4,266



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## TOWN CLERK'S REPORT

Amount received for 982 auto permits, 1953-54	\$6,385.46
Amount received for collecting 982 at 50c	491.00

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\$5,894.46

### Dog License Fees, 1953-54:

190 males at \$2.00	\$380.00
27 females at \$5.00	135.00
4 kennels at \$12.00	48.00
9 part year	13.07

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\$576.07

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ETHEL W. MORRILL,  
Town Clerk.

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## TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT

### To the Taxpayers and Residents of the Town of Alton:

Again I am presenting for your approval my annual report as Collector for the year ending December 31, 1953. I believe the details are shown clearly and that you will be able to understand the various items as shown. Collections have been somewhat more difficult during 1953, nevertheless, approximately 85% of the warrants committed for collection have been received.

As in previous reports the accounts have been divided into six parts, namely:

1. Total receipts during 1953 from all sources.
2. Balance Sheet for Levy of 1953.
3. Balance Sheet for Levy of 1952.
4. Balance Sheet for Levies of years previous to 1952.
5. Balance Sheet of State Head Taxes for years of 1953 and 1952.

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### 6. Summary of Tax Sales Account as of December 31, 1953.

#### Part 1

#### Total Receipts for 1953

##### Levy of 1953

Property Taxes	\$116,619.45	
Poll Taxes	1,038.00	
Timber Yield Taxes	2,410.15	
Bank Stock Taxes	26.00	
Interest Collected	6.52	
State Head Tax and Penalties	3,251.50	
	<hr/>	\$123,351.62

##### Levy of 1952

Property Taxes	\$16,845.63	
Poll Taxes	178.00	
Timber Yield Taxes	2,185.35	
Bank Stock Taxes	69.00	
Interest Collected	537.52	
State Head Tax and Penalties	627.00	
	<hr/>	\$20,442.50

##### Levies of Previous Years

Property and Poll	\$63.00	
Timber Yield Taxes	721.24	
State Head Tax and Penalties	5.50	
Interest Collected	45.44	
	<hr/>	\$835.18

##### Redemptions from Sales (All Years)

Property Taxes	\$713.72	
Interest Collected	30.23	
	<hr/>	\$743.95

Total receipts remitted to Treasurer during 1953	<hr/>	\$145,373.25
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Part 2

Balance Sheet of Levy of 1953

Dr.

Committed to Collector:

Property Taxes	\$138,096.73
Add, error in Warrant	.01

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\$138,096.74

Poll Taxes	1,382.00
Bank Stock Taxes	26.00
Timber Yield Taxes	4,246.39

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\$143,751.13

Added Taxes:

Property Taxes	\$883.19
Poll Taxes	24.00

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\$907.19

Interest Collected	6.52
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Total debits \$144,664.84

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Remittances to Treasurer:

Property Taxes	\$116,619.45
Poll Taxes	1,038.00
Bank Stock Taxes	26.00
Timber Yield Taxes	2,410.15
Interest Collected,	6.52

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\$120,100.12

Abatements authorized by Selectmen:

Property Taxes	\$917.30
Poll Taxes	52.00

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\$969.30

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Uncollected, December 31, 1953:

Property Taxes	\$21,443.18	
Poll Taxes	316.00	
Timber Yield Taxes	1,836.24	
	<hr/>	\$23,595.42
Total credits		<hr/> \$144,664.84

### Part 3

#### Balance Sheet of Levy of 1952

##### Dr.

Uncollected, December 31, 1952:

Property Taxes	\$17,964.00	
Poll Taxes	308.00	
Timber Yield Taxes	2,585.35	
	<hr/>	\$20,857.35
Added Taxes:		
Poll Taxes		\$14.00
Interest Collected		537.52
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Total debits		\$21,408.87

##### Cr.

Remittances to Treasurer:

Property Taxes	\$16,845.63	
Poll Taxes	178.00	
Timber Yield Taxes	2,185.35	
Interest Collected	537.52	
	<hr/>	\$19,746.50

Abatements authorized by Selectmen:

Property Taxes	\$489.90	
Poll Taxes	106.00	
	<hr/>	\$595.90

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Uncollected, December 31, 1953:

Property Taxes	\$628.47	
Poll Taxes	38.00	
Timber Yield Taxes	400.00	
	<hr/>	\$1,066.47
Total credits		<hr/> \$21,408.87

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### Part 4

#### Levies of Years Previous to 1952

##### Dr.

Uncollected, December 31, 1952:

'51 Property Taxes	\$349.01	
'51 Poll Taxes	38.00	
Property previous to '51	21.28	
Polls previous to '51	6.00	
'51 Timber Yield Taxes	917.24	
	<hr/>	\$1,331.53
Interest Collected, all accounts		45.44
Total debits		<hr/> \$1,376.97

##### Cr.

Remittances to Treasurer:

'51 Property Taxes	\$50.84	
'51 Poll Taxes	6.00	
Property previous to '51	6.16	
'51 Yield Taxes	721.24	
Interest Collected	45.44	
	<hr/>	\$829.68

Abatements authorized by Selectmen:

'51 Property Taxes	\$298.17
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'51 Poll Taxes	26.00	
Property previous to '51	15.12	
Polls previous to '51	6.00	
	<hr/>	\$345.29
Uncollected, December 31, 1953 :		
'51 Poll Taxes	6.00	
'51 Timber Yield Taxes	196.00	
	<hr/>	\$202.00
Total credits		<hr/> \$1,376.97

## Part 5

### Balance Sheet for State Head Taxes for 1953, 1952 and 1951

#### Levy of 1953

##### Dr.

Committed to Collector	\$4,325.00
Added Head Taxes	70.00
Penalties Collected	6.50
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Total debits	\$4,401.50

##### Cr.

Remittances to Treasurer	\$3,251.50
Abatements authorized by Selectmen	170.00
Uncollected, December 31, 1953	980.00
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Total credits	\$4,401.50

#### Levy of 1952

##### Dr.

Uncollected, December 31, 1952	\$990.00
Added Head Taxes	40.00
Penalties Collected	57.00
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Total debits	\$1,087.00

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## Cr.

Remittances to Treasurer	\$627.00
Abatements authorized by Selectmen	340.00
Uncollected, December 31, 1953	120.00
Total credits	\$1,087.00

## Levy of 1951

## Dr.

Uncollected, December 31, 1952	\$57.00
Penalties Collected	.50
Total debits	\$57.50

## Cr.

Remittances to Treasurer	\$5.50
Abatements authorized by Selectmen	52.00
Total credits	\$57.50

## Part 6

### Summary of Tax Sales Accounts as of December 31, 1953

## Dr.

	1952	1951	Previous	Totals
Balance of Unredeemed				
Tax Sales as of Dec.				
1, 1952		\$688.47	\$150.55	\$839.02
Taxes sold to Town				
Sept. 30, 1953	\$1,090.54			1,090.54
Interest Collected	3.22	27.01		30.23
Total debits	\$1,093.76	\$715.48	\$150.55	\$1,959.79

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Remittances to Treas- urer	\$379.18	\$334.54		\$713.72
Interest Remitted	3.22	27.01		30.23
Abated			7.72	7.72
Unredeemed, Dec. 31 1953	711.36	353.93	142.83	1,208.12
Total credits	\$1,093.76	\$715.48	\$150.55	\$1,959.79

The above report is correct and in order according to my best knowledge and belief

Respectfully submitted,

RAYMOND C. DUNCAN,

Collector.

December 31, 1953.

## TREASURER'S REPORT

Cash on hand January 1st, 1953		\$19,676.94
Received from Raymond C. Duncan, Collector	\$145,373.25	
Received from State, Interest Dividend Tax	6,368.64	
Received from State Savings Bank Tax	161.79	
Received from State Railroad Tax	628.38	
Received from other sources	87,432.66	239,964.72
Total Receipts		\$259,641.66
Paid on orders of Selectmen		236,089.97
Cash on hand January 1st, 1954		\$23,551.69

Respectfully submitted,

Stella F. Ayer, Treasurer



# Report of the Trust Funds of the Town of Alton, N. H.

Date of Creation	TRUST FUNDS		Purpose of Trust Fund	How Invested	Amount of Principal	Balance Beginning Year	Income During Year	Expended During Year	Balance End of Year
1901 Aug.	1	Herbert I. & Leonard Nute	Cemetery	Common Fund	\$250.00	\$31.95	\$13.44	\$9.06	\$36.39
1909 Feb.	12	Sarah J. I. Evans			100.00	11.05	5.33	3.00	13.88
1910 Sept.	23	Betsey J. Frohock			100.60	9.23	5.28	3.00	11.51
1911 Jan.	25	Emeline R. Avery			500.00	134.06	29.01	6.00	157.07
1913 Feb.	25	Alonzo S. French			150.00	26.85	8.29	4.00	31.14
1925 June	3	James W. Durgin			100.00	12.71	5.36	3.00	15.07
1932 Oct.	1	Davis and Gooding							
		G. E. Davis and Grace A. Gooding							
1911 Sept.	5	Lydia A. Runnels			100.60	13.28	5.39	3.00	15.67
1933 Feb.	1	Willis E. Glidden			100.00	14.29	5.42	3.00	16.71
1933 Feb.	1	Lafayette Canney			100.00	9.45	5.28	3.00	11.73
1933 June	1	Irad B. Gilman			100.00	10.94	5.32	3.00	13.26
1933 June	1	Ida F. Nutter			100.00	12.29	5.36	5.00	12.65
1933 June	1	James B. Woodman			200.60	20.37	10.59	8.00	22.96
1934 Sept.	1	John F. Hanson			200.00	31.34	10.93	6.00	36.27
1935 Aug.	1	Hezekiah Sleeper			100.60	14.29	5.42	0.00	19.71
1936 Jan.	1	Naham Lamprey			100.60	12.39	5.36	3.00	14.75
1917 Dec.	17	Percy S. Jones			100.00	12.22	5.36	3.00	14.58
1911 Jan.	28	George W. Berry			1,700.00	288.93	93.56	30.50	351.99
1914 Nov.	14	Ellen Jones			102.00	24.45	7.35	4.50	27.30
1911 Aug.	21	Stephen C. Wentworth			408.00	198.22	32.64	4.50	226.36
1913 Feb.	15	Jonathan H. Downing			75.00	7.36	3.75	0.00	11.11
1914 Feb.	15	Daniel M. and John F. Perkins			100.00	13.65	5.41	3.00	16.06
1916 July	21	Andrew J. Varney, Chester A. Twombly			80.00	8.00	4.00	1.00	11.06
		Marietta Twombly			100.00	11.37	5.35	3.00	13.72

Date		Name		Cemetery	Common Fund	50.00	6.09	2.50	0.00	8.50
1917 May	16	Minerva B. Sanborn	Minerva B. Sanborn			50.00			0.00	8.50
1919 Dec.	31	Sarah J. Clarke	Sarah J. Clarke			400.00	79.73	22.49	9.00	93.22
1920 June	11	Lewis P. Varney, Geo. Lewis P. Varney, Geo. Scott Rines	Scott Rines							
1921 June	1	Clara A. Fifield	Clara A. Fifield			200.00	31.32	10.97	3.00	39.29
1923 April	1	Benjamin C. Glidden	Benjamin C. Glidden			100.00	11.41	5.35	5.00	11.76
1924 Oct.	9	Bertha L. Jones	Bertha L. Jones			50.00	7.25	2.50	2.50	7.25
1925 Jan.	1	Ann E. Peavey	Ann E. Peavey			150.00	29.06	8.41	3.00	34.47
1926 Oct.	26	Fannie Chandler	Fannie Chandler			100.00	12.52	5.38	3.00	14.90
1950 Nov.	17	Fannie Chandler	Effie McDuffee			( )				
1950 Nov.	17	Fannie Chandler	Effie McDuffee			(200. )	19.81	10.62	3.00	27.43
1927 May	16	Abbie M. Bachelder	Abbie M. Batchelder			100.00	16.64	5.50	0.00	21.54
1928 July	11	Fred M. Newhall	Arthur B. Newhall			( )				
1950 Aug.	11	Eva M. Newhall	Arthur B. Newhall			(200. )	21.32	10.66	3.00	28.98
1928 Nov.	7	Charles Mooney	Laura Mooney			100.00	10.36	5.31	3.00	12.67
1929 Dec.	3	John G. W. Jones	Albert D. Morse			50.00	7.03	2.50	2.50	7.03
1929 Jan.	31	Levi T. Coffin	Florence Coffin			100.00	11.35	5.35	3.00	13.70
1930 Mar.	27	Georgia E. Whitehouse	Georgia E. Whitehouse			100.00	10.36	5.31	3.00	12.67
1930 Mar.	12	Amy Welch	Amy Welch			100.00	9.97	5.00	3.00	11.97
1923 Aug.	1	Moses W. Morrell	Moses W. Morrell			200.00	7.59	10.00	3.00	14.59
1923 Aug.	1	Jonathan L. Blakely	Moses W. Morrell			100.60	9.50	5.00	3.00	11.50
1923 Oct.	1	Charles W. Sanborn	Annie L. Sanborn			100.00	9.14	5.00	3.00	11.14
1923 Dec.	1	Aaron Young	Luella Young			50.00	7.57	2.50	0.00	10.67
1924 Jan.	31	Lewis E. Avery	Lewis E. Avery			1,000.00	120.10	53.77	9.00	164.87
1925 Jan.	31	Dora J. Brown	Dora J. Brown			50.00	8.26	2.50	2.00	8.76
1936 July	1	Herbert L. Glidden	Herbert L. Glidden			100.00	11.65	5.35	5.00	12.00
1936 Oct.	3	S. E. P. Gilman	Ella Gilman			150.00	34.85	8.38	6.00	37.43
1936 Apr.	21	Luella C. Bradley	Luella C. Bradley			200.00	41.52	11.30	9.00	43.82
1937 Jun.	16	Alonzo S. Brooks	Alonzo S. Brooks			400.00	144.64	24.53	6.00	163.17
1938 Feb.	1	Herbert E. Morrill	Alonzo S. Brooks			50.00	6.21	2.50	0.00	8.71
1938 Apr.	22	John J. Nutter	Christie A. Dore, Estate			100.00	11.48	5.35	3.00	13.83
1938 Aug.	25	Martha A. Amazeen	Martha A. Amazeen			100.00	12.68	5.38	3.00	15.06
1939 Mar.	25	Levi B. Glidden	Myra L. Willoughby			160.00	9.82	5.00	5.00	9.82
1939 Aug.	9	Enoch Canney	Lizzie M. Reynolds			100.00	11.50	5.35	3.00	13.85
1939 Sept.	27	Luella C. Bradley	Luella C. Bradley			200.00	50.85	11.58	0.00	62.43
1939 Dec.	9	Lewis H. Lamprey	Lewis H. Lamprey			100.00	10.91	5.33	3.00	13.24

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	Cemetery	Common Fund	50.00	8.01	2.50	2.00	8.51
1940 Sept.	25 Edward L. Gould	Edward L. Gould	50.00	8.01	2.50	2.00	8.51
1941 Sept.	20 Paul E. Buckley	Mrs. Paul E. Buckley	125.00	18.94	6.83	6.00	19.77
1941 Dec.	6 Mrs. Alma Chamberlain	Mrs. Alma Chamberlain	200.00	45.68	11.43	3.00	54.11
1942 Apr.	1 Amos L. Rollins, E. W. Francis, et al						
1942 Oct.	3 Herman P. Horne	Emily Francis Estate	300.00	67.34	17.12	4.00	80.46
1944 May	31 Willie H. Reynolds	Lizzie S. Horne	100.00	12.81	5.38	3.00	15.19
1944 Sept.	5 George S. Bassett	Doan S. Reynolds	100.00	11.35	5.35	3.00	13.70
1944 May	31 Aaron Varney	Roscoe C. Bassett	100.00	11.35	5.35	3.00	13.90
1944 Sept.	10 Fred W. Davis	Mrs. Abbie J. Clyde	150.00	25.15	8.29	3.00	30.44
1944 Sept.	12 Florence Crabtree	Fred A. Giles	150.00	26.97	8.33	3.00	32.30
1944 Nov.	10 Miller and Clough	Robert Peterson, Adm.	200.00	52.98	11.64	3.00	61.62
1945 Aug.	8 Weymouth Ellsworth	Ruth M. and Fred S. Hill	150.00	28.46	8.38	6.00	30.84
1945 Aug.	8 Nathaniel and Deborah Chase	Blanche Weymouth	460.00	76.93	22.41	6.00	93.34
1945 Aug.	8 Kimball and Hill	Blanche Weymouth	100.00	11.50	5.35	3.00	13.85
1945 Sept.	8 Henry M. Lee	F. Gordon Kimball	150.00	26.77	8.33	3.00	32.10
1945 Apr.	19 Will Varney and Laura Getchell	Henry M. Lee	200.00	35.94	11.12	3.00	44.06
1946 Feb.	20 Thomas Batchelder	Arthur Getchell	500.00	126.69	28.97	6.00	149.66
1946 June	11 Leslie Brock	Mrs. Wm. W. Batchelder	200.00	38.99	11.20	3.00	47.19
1946 July	2 Willie M. Stevens	Hattie Brock	200.00	36.15	11.13	3.00	44.28
1946 Nov.	7 George F. Lynch	Carrie M. Card	150.00	30.72	8.45	0.00	39.17
1947 July	21 George W. Rollins	Blanche Lynch	200.00	35.72	11.12	3.00	43.84
1947 Sept.	13 Robert A. Frohock	Florence Foster	150.00	17.43	8.04	3.00	22.47
1947 Sept.	18 Belle H. Mooney	Robert A. Frohock, Jr.	100.00	11.65	5.35	3.00	14.00
1904 June	4 Evaline L. Palmer	Belle H. Mooney Estate	400.00	78.20	22.45	6.00	94.65
1928 Feb.	27 Oliver J. M. Gilman		510.00	0.00	33.00	33.00	00.00
1928 Feb.	14 Oliver J. M. Gilman	Book Fund	2,000.00	0.00	100.00	100.00	0.00
1936 May	2 Lewis E. Avery	Lycium	5,000.00	2,114.40	306.70	729.20	1,691.90
1936 May	2 Edwin F. Cate	Sidewalk	1,000.00	55.89	51.67	0.00	107.53
1944 Dec.	29 Town of Alton	Highway	5,000.00	285.09	258.62	0.00	543.71
1946 Sept.	17 Charles L. Blaisdell	Mun. Impr.	13,000.00	797.01	379.13	0.00	1,176.14
1948 Sept.	17 Carrie M. Stanley and James M. Blaisdell	Cemetery	150.00	18.22	8.03	6.00	20.25
1948 Nov.	1 Thomas E. Elder		260.00	25.35	10.74	3.00	33.09
		Miss H. F. Stanley	200.00	25.38	10.75	3.00	33.63
		Grace H. Elder					





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### TRUST FUND EXPENDITURES

#### Disbursements from Income

William B. Messer, care of cemetery lots	\$519.50
Spring cleaning	25.00
Filling graves	12.50
Flowers and urns	15.00
Care of water pipes	15.00
Pauline M. Kimball, care of Kimball lot	8.00
Villie L. Grant, care of Glidden lot, West Alton	2.50
Town of Alton, for three Band Concerts	420.00
Evmarede Trio	85.00
Farmington News, printing	16.00
Stage decoration	8.20
Bill Cunningham	200.00
Alton Water Works, service	6.00
Library Trustees, book fund	133.00
Invested in new stock	488.75
Deposited to the credit of lot owners	1,480.29
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	\$3,434.74

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### INVESTED FUNDS

December 31st, 1953

Shares	Company	Amount
248	Bank of America	\$7,368.88
147	Chase National Bank	5,551.88
94	National City Bank	4,244.50
109	The Public National Bank & Trust Co.	5,077.50
45	The Pennsylvania Co.	1,658.66
54	Public Service Co. of N. H.	4,117.50
80	The United Illuminating Co.	4,100.00
96	New Hampshire Fire Insurance Co.	4,117.50

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119	The First National Bank of Boston	5,835.75
131	National Shawmut Bank	4,500.13
60	Irving Trust Company	1,020.00
1	U. S. Bond	100.00
3	The Southern New England Telephone Co.	100.00
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		\$47,792.30

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### TRUST FUND INVESTMENTS

#### Income of 1953

Bank of America	\$394.00
Chase National Bank	294.00
National City Bank	284.64
Public National Bank & Trust Co.	242.25
The Pennsylvania Co.	92.25
Public Service Co. of N. H.	180.90
The United Illuminating Co.	196.00
New Hampshire Fire Insurance Co.	186.00
First National Bank	307.40
National Shawmut Bank	112.80
Irving Trust Co.	66.00
U. S. Bond	2.50
The Southern New England Telephone Co.	5.40
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	\$2,364.14
Interest on income of Investments	40.48
Withdrawn from bank	875.00
New Fund for Perpetual Care	300.00
Refund from broker	.40
Balance in check book beginning of year	229.70
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Total Receipts	\$3,809.72
Less Expenditures	3,434.74
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Balance on hand at end of year	\$374.98



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## Report of Treasurer **LIGHTING PRECINCT TREASURER**

### ALTON LIGHTING PRECINCT

December 31, 1953

#### Receipts

Cash on Hand, January 1, 1953	\$1,425.66
Received from Town of Alton, Appropriation	1,500.00
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	\$2,925.66

#### Payments

Paid out by order of Commissioners:	
White Mountain Power Company	\$2,819.00
Raymond C. Duncan, Commissioner	5.00
Lawrence P. Beck, Commissioner	5.00
Raymond A. Lamont, Commissioner	5.00
Frank M. Ayer, Moderator	3.00
Harry B. Lang, Clerk	5.00
Gladys D. Duncan, Treasurer	5.00
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	\$2,847.00
Balance on Hand, December 31, 1953	78.66
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	\$2,925.66

Respectfully submitted,

GLADYS D. DUNCAN,  
Treasurer.

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#### AUDITORS' REPORT

As your duly elected auditors, we have carefully checked the accounts of the town treasurer, tax collector, precinct treasurer, trustees of trust funds, library trustees, water department and treasurer of the lighting precinct along with the bank statement of the several departments.

According to the best of our knowledge and belief they are properly vouched and correctly cast and are a true account of the business of the town for the year ending December 31, 1953.

GEORGE H. WALLACE,  
LESTER F. DOWNING,  
Auditors.

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**WATER DEPARTMENT**

**COMPARATIVE BALANCE SHEET**

<b>Assets</b>	<b>Dec. 31, '52</b>	<b>Dec. 31, '53</b>
Cash on hand	\$3,628.07	\$6,989.12
Accounts Receivable	2,444.03	2,568.02
Suspense Account:		
Due from town:		
Bay property	7,000.00	6,000.00
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Total Assets	\$13,072.10	\$15,557.14
<b>Liabilities</b>		
Bond debt	\$28,900.00	\$31,500.00
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Total Liabilities	\$28,900.00	\$31,500.00
Net debt	15,827.90	15,942.86

Town of Alton 1953 Valuation Alton Water Works System  
\$68,786.48

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**WATER DEPARTMENT RECEIPTS AND  
EXPENDITURES, 1953**

**Receipts**

Cash on Hand January 1	\$3,628.07	
Water Revenue	9,067.08	
Farmington Bank (term note)	5,000.00	
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Total Receipts		\$17,695.15

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### Expenditures

Materials and Supplies	\$3,115.40*
Job work	13.00
Mains	864.25
Services	503.55
Hydrants	120.75
Meters	27.50
Other District Equipment	28.29
Source of Supply	189.43
Pumping Station Operation and Maintenance	669.76
Miscellaneous Labor	394.40
Fuel for Power	1,247.32
Other District Expenses	1.86
General Office Expenses	173.50
General Expenses	119.33
Term Notes and Interest	3,237.69
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Total Expended	\$10,706.03
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Cash on hand December 31, 1953	\$6,989.12

### Inventory Account

On hand January 1,	\$4,725.69
Added during year	3,115.40*
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	\$7,841.09
Taken from stock during year	3,181.03
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Inventory value December 31	\$4,660.06

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## STATEMENT OF TOWN OF ALTON SERIAL NOTES HELD BY FARMINGTON NATIONAL BANK as of December 31, 1953

### 1. Issue of November 14, 1938, \$8,000.00, 3%, (Water)

	Annual Maturities Due Nov. 14	Annual Interest Due Nov. 14	Total Amount for Year
1954	\$400.00	\$60.00	\$460.00
1955	400.00	48.00	448.00
1956	400.00	36.00	436.00
1957	400.00	24.00	424.00
1958	400.00	12.00	412.00

### 2. Issue of March 13, 1942, \$20,000.00, 2¾%, (Water)

	Annual Maturities Due March 13	Annual Interest Due March 13	Total Amount for Year
1954	\$1,000.00	\$247.50	\$1,247.50
1955	1,000.00	220.00	1,220.00
1956	1,000.00	192.50	1,192.50
1957	1,000.00	165.00	1,165.00
1958	1,000.00	137.50	1,137.50
1959	1,000.00	110.00	1,110.00
1960	1,000.00	82.50	1,082.50
1961	1,000.00	55.00	1,055.00
1962	1,000.00	27.50	1,027.50

### 3. Issue of September 29, 1948 \$10,000., 2¾%, (Water)

	Maturities Due	Interest Due	Total Amount For Year
March 29, '54		\$103.13	
September 29, '54	\$500.00	103.13	\$706.26
March 29, '55		96.25	
September 29, '55	500.00	96.25	692.50
March 29, '56		89.38	
September 29, '56	500.00	89.38	678.76
March 29, '57		82.50	
September 29, '57	500.00	82.50	665.00

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March 29, '58		75.63	
September 29, '58	500.00	75.63	651.26
March 29, '59		68.75	
September 29, '59	500.00	68.75	637.50
March 29, '60		61.88	
September 29, '60	500.00	61.88	623.76
March 29, '61		55.00	
September 29, '61	500.00	55.00	610.00
March 29, '62		48.13	
September 29, '62	500.00	48.13	596.26
March 29, '63		41.25	
September 29, '63	500.00	41.25	582.50
March 29, '64		34.38	
September 29, '64	500.00	34.38	568.76
March 29, '65		27.50	
September 29, '65	500.00	27.50	555.00
March 29, '66		20.63	
September 29, '66	500.00	20.63	541.26
March 29, '67		13.75	
September 29, '67	500.00	13.75	527.50
March 29, '68		6.88	
September 29 '68	500.00	6.87	513.75

## 4. Issue of April 22, 1949, \$10,000., 2¾%, (Water)

	Maturities Due	Interest Due	Total Amount For Year
April 22, '54	\$500.00	\$110.00	
October 22, '54		103.13	\$713.13
April 22, '55	500.00	103.13	
October 22, '55		96.25	699.38
April 22, '56	500.00	96.25	
October 22, '56		89.38	685.63
April 22, '57	500.00	89.38	
October 22, '57		82.50	671.88
April 22, '58	500.00	82.50	
October 22, '58		75.63	658.13
April 22, '59	500.00	75.63	
October 22, '59		68.75	644.38
April 22, '60	500.00	68.75	
October 22, '60		61.88	630.63

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April 22, '61	500.00	61.88	
October 22, '61		55.00	616.88
April 22, '62	500.00	55.00	
October 22, '62		48.13	603.13
April 22, '63	500.00	48.13	
October 22, '63		41.25	589.38
April 22, '64	500.00	41.25	
October 22, '64		34.38	575.63
April 22, '65	500.00	34.38	
October 22, '65		27.50	561.88
April 22, '66	500.00	27.50	
October 22, '66		20.63	548.13
April 22, '67	500.00	20.63	
October 22, '67		13.75	534.38
April 22, '68	500.00	13.75	
October 22, '68		6.88	520.63
April 22, '69	500.00	6.87	506.87

### 5. Issue of May 2, 1952, \$13,915.00, 2½% (Grader)

	Maturities Due	Interest Due	Total Amount For Year
June 30, '54		\$104.36	
December 30, '54	\$2,783.00	104.36	\$2,991.72
June 30, '55		69.58	
December 30, '55	2,783.00	69.58	2,922.16
June 30, '56		34.79	
December 30, '56	2,783.00	34.79	2,852.58

### 6. Issue of July 25, 1952, \$3,000.00, 2½%, (Ambulance)

	Maturities Due	Interest Due	Total Amount For Year
June 30, '54		\$12.50	
December 30, '54	\$1,000.00	12.50	\$1,025.00

### 7. Issue of May 18, 1953, \$10,000., 2½%, (T.R.A.)

	Maturities Due	Interest Due	Total Amount For Year
May 18, '54	\$5,000.00	\$125.00	

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November 18, '54		62.50	\$5,187.50
May 18, '55	5,000.00	62.50	5,062.50

## 8. Issue of June 1, 1953, \$5,000., 2½ %, (Water Dept.)

	Maturities Due	Interest Due	Total Amount For Year
March 1, '54		\$62.50	
September 1, '54	\$1,000.00	62.50	\$1,125.00
March 1, '55		50.00	
September 1, '55	1,000.00	50.00	1,100.00
March 1, '56		37.50	
September 1, '56	1,000.00	37.50	1,075.00
March 1, '57		25.00	
September 1, '57	1,000.00	25.00	1,050.00
March 1, '58		12.50	
September 1, '58	1,000.00	12.50	1,025.00

## 9. Issue of July 1, 1953, \$10,000, 2½ %, (T.R.A.)

	Maturities Due	Interest Due	Total Amount For Year
January 1, '54	(Paid 1-18-54)	\$125.00	
July 1, '54		125.00	\$250.00
January 1, '55		125.00	
July 1, '55		125.00	250.00
January 1 '56		125.00	
July 1, '56	\$5,000.00	125.00	5,250.00
January 1, '57		62.50	
July 1, '57	5,000.00	62.50	5,125.00

## GILMAN LIBRARY



### ALTON PUBLIC LIBRARY

Dec. 31, 1891

### GILMAN LIBRARY

Sept. 15, 1951

Through the generosity of a native son, Oliver J. M. Gilman, who was born at East Alton January 31, 1847, and died July 14, 1915, several bequests were made to benefit the town of Alton. Included among these was \$10,000 for a public library.

Since the will stipulated that the money could not be used during Mrs. Gilman's lifetime, it remained at interest



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until she died in 1927. Then, with the value of dollars having decreased, there was not nearly enough money to construct even a small building. Therefore the bequest continued to remain at interest until 1940 when the building committee that had been appointed completed details and gave the architect, Mr. Edward Richardson of Dover, authority to proceed with the plans. But in a few days Mr. Richardson informed the committee that because of the beginning of World War II he was not able to obtain steel and other materials now necessary for the war effort.

Consequently the building of the library had to be delayed again, this time until 1950, when, with the amount having built up to \$20,000, the trustees of the library, the selectmen and the trustees of the trust funds decided that if the library were not built now it might never be accomplished, since money was increasingly becoming of less value. Therefore, using the original blue prints modified to a certain extent, work under the direction of C. Roy Barnes was begun.

As building progressed it became more and more evident that the amount of money on hand would not be sufficient to complete the structure. A special town meeting was called, at which time \$3,000 was voted from the Post War Fund. This enabled the work to continue.

Gilman Library was completed in the early fall of 1951 and officially opened September 15 under the supervision of Miss Annie A. Wheeler, librarian.

It is a beautiful structure, admired by townspeople, summer residents and strangers who say that not only is the building well planned but that it also has an unusually fine collection of books on its shelves.

Alton is indeed fortunate to have had a benefactor of the intellectual stature of Oliver J. M. Gilman who could foresee that a library would be a necessary part of Alton's

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future and as is stated on the memorial plaque in the adult reading room gave it in token of his generosity and faith in his fellow townsmen.

Along with Mr. Gilman recognition should also be given to Mr. Lewis P. Varney who generously donated the land upon which the library has been built. Mr. Varney was foresighted in that he saw the possibility of a library some day and recognized that a central plot for it would be a great advantage.

Gilman Library is indeed a marked addition to the town of Alton and provides both a source of education and a spot of beauty.

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### REPORT OF GILMAN LIBRARY

#### Financial Statement

Cash on hand January 1, 1953	\$23.78
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#### RECEIPTS:

Town appropriation	\$1,101.10
Gilman Fund	100.00
Palmer Fund	33.00
Money given for books and magazine	7.65
Other sources	126.40
Fines	10.00

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\$1,378.15

Add Lewis P. Varney Trust Fund

Principal	260.00
Interest	44.05

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\$304.05

Total Cash Accountability

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\$1,705.98

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### EXPENDITURES:

Books	\$509.11
Periodicals	76.33
Salary	475.00
Insurance on books	25.20
A. L. A. Booklist	6.00
N. H. Library Association	2.00
Library Convention	16.00
Christine Sanborn, helper	22.40
Binding	35.71
Library supplies	53.29
Table and chairs	101.40

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\$1,322.44

Cash on hand December 31, 1953

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\$383.54

### Analysis of cash on hand:

General funds	\$79.49
L. P. Varney trust fund:	
Principal	\$260.00
Interest	44.05

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\$383.54

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## REPORT OF POLICE DEPARTMENT ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1953

Arrests	69
By Police Department	31
By State Police	16
By Conservation Department	21
By Sheriff's Department	1
Complaints investigated	51
Accidents	47
Persons to locate	20
Arrests for other police departments	5
Breaks reported	18
Apprehended from industrial schools	3
Obstructing highway	1
Pocketbooks stolen	4
Damage to property	2
Disturbing the peace	8
Complaints on dogs	12
Stolen cars recovered	2
Mail boxes destroyed	12
Death by fire	1
False alarms	1
Stolen goods value	\$647.00
Stolen goods recovered	482.00
Ambulance calls	51
Fees for use of ambulance	\$259.00
Outstanding bills	35.00

I wish to thank the citizens of Alton for their cooperation and trust you will continue the good public relations that now exist.

The ambulance is a great asset to the town. I have tried to keep it in the best of condition, clean and ready at all times.

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Many people, I am sorry to say, have failed to comprehend the large increase that is required of your police department. Where we used to worry about enforcing a few laws, we now have a great many. Our increase in population during the summer plus traffic, amusements, accidents and ambulance calls means a greater demand for police.

The department I feel has given of their best with what they have had to do with, together with being loyal and courteous in performance of their duty.

HAROLD E. TIBBETTS,  
Chief.

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### REPORT OF PARK TRUSTEES

#### Charlesworth Levey Park

During the years since the hurricane of '38 laid waste our once beautiful Charlesworth Levey Park little could be done to assist nature in reforesting the area except to cut out the weed trees occasionally. This has been done under the direction of the state forester.

This fall two sections of the area have again been cleared. The town allowed \$100.00 which was sufficient to trim and clear away the brush for some distance, back from and along the length of the highway. A second section near the river was trimmed by the Boy Scouts and their fathers—25 in number—under the supervision of two of the trustees.

There is still much to be done and it is hoped the remainder of the area may be cleared this coming year and

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young Norways planted in any open spaces where seedlings have not started.

The Rest-A-While has been kept attractive for the enjoyment of the traveling public through the constant efforts of the highway attendants who have disposed of waste paper and other rubbish and garden club members who have cared for plantings by the old wall and along the fence that borders the highway.

We are looking forward to the future when once again forest growth will tower above our heads and pine needles will furnish a carpet for our feet. The day is not far distant when the dreams which inspired our leaders of the '20's to secure the funds for the purchase of this property may be realized. The Park will become a haven for small children, for parents and visitors and a sanctuary where our young people may study nature at first hand, to learn our native birds and their habits, our soil, our trees and become acquainted with, and learn to love the atmosphere of a forest. We may even be able to carry out our original idea of presenting an historical pageant in the large bowl in the center of the area. This bowl is the finest in the state with an historical background of Indian legend.

ALTA H. McDUFFEE,  
ALFRED FOSIE,  
RICHARD S. DOWNING,  
Park Trustees.

# **Births Registered in the Town of Alton, N. H., for the Year Ending December 31, 1953**

Date of Birth	Place of Birth	Name of Child (if any)	Sex			Name of Father	Maiden Name of Mother	Residence of Parents	Occupation of Father	Birthplace of Father	Birthplace of Mother
			No. of Child	Liv. or Stillborn	Color						
1953											
Jan. 21	Wolfeboro	Catherine Ann	F	L	5	L'rence L. Blackey	Arnie C. Hughes	Alton	Salesman	N. H.	N. H.
Feb. 8	Wolfeboro	Susan Elaine	F	L	2	David B. Kirkpatrick	Frances M. George	Alton	Mechanic	N. H.	N. H.
12	Wolfeboro	Candace Ettola	F	L	2	Wilbur J. Drew	Caroline M. Willard	Alton	Dis. Vet.	N. H.	N. H.
17	Wolfeboro	Rodney Alan	M	L	4	Francois W. Portigue	Evelyn G. Pervere	Alton	Machinist	N. H.	N. H.
Mar. 4	Rochester	Brian Douglas	M	L	8	Elmer W. J. Prest	Luth M. Smith	Alton	Factory Wkr.	N. S.	N. H.
Apr. 8	Rochester		M	S	1	Joseph L. Lacroix	Ma Thompson	Alton	Woodman	Vt.	Vt.
10	Wolfeboro	Fra'k. Allen, Jr.	M	L	3	Franklin A. Alden	Ris J. Simonds	Alton	Fish Cult.	N. H.	N. H.
May 6	Laconia	Douglas Alvin	M	L	2	Chas. W. Garnache	Nancy L. Wilson	Alton	Salesman	Me.	N. H.
7	Wolfeboro	Mary Edward	M	L	2	Rawland E. Dore	Virginia M. Kidder	Alton	Tool Maker	N. H.	N. H.
June 2	Wolfeboro	Garry Lynn	M	L	3	Merle E. Gasset	Eddie M. Alden	Alton	Construction	Vt.	N. H.
July 11	Laconia	Rodney G-rfield	M	L	2	Geo. A. Hennessey	Olive M. Hilson	Alton	Foreman	N. H.	N. H.
Aug. 25	Rochester	Mary Jean	F	L	1	Wm. R. Waterman	Shirley L. Lamper	Alton	Truck Driver	Conn.	N. H.
30	Wolfeboro	David Douglas	M	L	1	Chas. M. Woollett	Lucille G. Canney	Alton	Clerk	Mass.	N. H.
Sept. 26	Wolfeboro	Elizabeth Alice	F	L	1	Leon T. Dodge, Jr.	Grace E. Howe	Alton	Truck Driver	Ohio	Mass.
27	Wolfeboro	Barb. Brewster	F	L	2	Roscoe E. Twombly	Barbara Taylor	Alton	Teacher	N. H.	Mass.
Oct. 10	Wolfeboro	Priscilla Ann	F	L	1	Irving R. Roberts	Leah F. Parkhurst	Alton	Electrician	N. H.	N. H.
15	Wolfeboro	Nancy Jean	F	L	1	David L. Bennett	Gloria E. Moore	Alton	Carpenter	N. H.	N. H.
Dec. 25	Wolfeboro	Donald Robert	M	L	2	Albert E. Barnes	Ellen G. Steen	Alton	Contractor	N. H.	Vt.
27	Wolfeboro	Robert Allen	M	L	2	Ray. E. Tilton	Re'h I. Hendrick	Alton	Carpenter	N. H.	N. H.
28	Wolfeboro	Gail Alice	F	L	1	Wm. C. Buchanan	Arlene R. Anthony	Alton	Electrician	Canada	Maine
31	Wolfeboro	Donna Lee	F	L	3	Chester A. Kimball	Helen A. Emerson	Alton	Foreman	N. H.	N. H.



# Marriages Registered in the Town of Alton, N. H., for the Year Ending December 31, 1953

Date of Mar.	Place of Marriage	Name and Surname of Groom and Bride	Residence of Each at Time of Marriage	Age	Color	Occupation of Groom and Bride	Place of Birth of Each	Names of Parents	Birthplace of Parents	No. of Mar.	By Whom Married
1953											
Feb. 14	Alton	Charles H. Ricker	Alton	43		Truck Driver	N. H.	Herbert I. Ricker	N. H.	1	W. D. Swaffield Clergyman Alton
		Pauline H. Whitten	Farmington	31		Shoe Worker	N. H.	Willett Whitehouse	N. H.	2	
May 15	Alton	Otis A. Woodard	New Durham	22		U. S. Navy	Mass.	Maude Chase	N. H.	1	W. D. Swaffield Clergyman Alton
		Constance Bennett	Alton	20		At Home	N. H.	George Woodard	Vt.	1	
30	Alton	Larry J. Woodman	Alton	18		Factory	Maine	Audrey Aikens	Vt.	1	
		Dorothea J. Eaton	Alton	18		Stitcher	Vt.	Maurice I. Bennett	N. H.	1	W. D. Swaffield Clergyman Alton
June 3	Alton	N'man W. Fr'cis, Jr.	Manchester	22		U. S. Army	N. H.	Lena Leighton	N. H.	1	
		Barbara Bennett	Alton	22		Secretary	Mass.	Lyman L. Woodman	N. H.	1	W. D. Swaffield Clergyman Alton
6	Alton	John W. Howarth	Alton	18		U. S. Navy	Maine	Lenora M. Sargent	N. H.	1	
		Carolyn J. Blackey	Alton	16		At Home	N. H.	Robert H. Eaton	N. H.	1	Lawrence Weston Minister Naspath. N. Y.
20	Wolfeboro	Robert E. Yngve	Alton	21	All White	Farmington	Mass.	Doris Luque	N. H.	1	
		Joan deR. Tutt	Wolfeboro	19		Secretary	N. H.	Norman W. Francis	N. H.	1	Frank M. Ayer Justice of Peace Alton
25	Claremont	Edward L. Winn	Alton	65		Clerk	Conn.	Mary Sullivan	Ill.	1	Robert F. Bishop Minister Wolfeboro
		Helen T. Fairbanks	Claremont	56		At Home	Mass.	Gordon C. Bennett	Kan.	1	J. J. McCarthy R. C. Priest Claremont
July 2	Alton	Carl H. Johnson	Medfield, Ms.	36		Carpenter	Mass.	Harry L. Howarth	Mass.	2	W. D. Swaffield Clergyman Alton
		Annes J. Waldron	Medfield, Ms.	32		Maid	Mass.	Louise A. Hersom	Maine	2	
11	Alton	Maurice S. Butler	Sanford, Me.	44		Engineer	Maine	L'rence L. Blackey	N. H.	2	Frank M. Ayer Justice of Peace Alton
		Phyllis J. Picken	Sanford, Me.	29		Waitress	Maine	Anne C. Hughes	N. H.	1	
								Edith L. Anderson	Mass.		
								Bernard G. D. Tutt	P. E. Is.		
								Mabel deRochemont	Conn.		
								John W. Winn	Conn.		
								Mary A. Hannan	Mass.		
								John Kelley	Mass.		
								Carl A. Johnson	Sweden		
								Hilda Johnson	Sweden		
								Flmer Cuddy	Mass.		
								Ellen Delav	Mass.		
								Willis H. Butler	N. H.		
								Elsie Taylor	Maine		
								William H. Picken	England		
								Lula Stone	Maine		



1953 July 11	Alton	Robt. G. Dickerson	Alton	21	U. S. Navy	Mass.	Robert S. Dickerson Priscilla M. B'kmaier	Mass. Vt.	1	W. D. Swaffield Clergyman Alton
25	Alton	Shirley M. Tilton	Laconia	18	Tel. Opr.	Mass.	Arthur F. Tilton	Mass.	1	
		James V. Cooper	Ft. J. W. J.	20	U. S. Navy	N. Y.	Gertrude M. Rice	N. Y.	1	Harry B. Lang Justice of Peace Alton
Aug. 1	Alton	Julia L. Wynn	Jackville, Fla.	20	Factory Worker	Georgia	Vincent Cooper	N. Y.	1	
		Donald M. Carpenter	Alton	21	Inn Keeper	N. Y.	John L. Wynn	Georgia	1	W. J. Medloch Minister Gilford
8	Alton	Doris J. Hill	N. Y.	19	Secretary	N. Y.	Julia C. Mills	N. Y.	1	
		Edwin J. Goodrich	Wilbr'm, Ms.	25	Student	Mass.	Ethel Harding	N. Y.	1	W. D. Swaffield Clergyman Alton
22	Gilmanton	Jeanenne Dodge	Alton	23	Teacher	Ohio	William Goodrich	Mass.	1	
		Jerry A. Chase	Alton	22	U. S. Navy	N. H.	Leon T. Dodge	N. H.	1	Donald L. Osborn Minister Gilmanton
Sept. 18	Farmington	Arlene B. Varney	Alton	21	Cashier	N. H.	Audrey C. Johnson	Ohio	1	
		L'rence Wood'd, Jr.	Farmington	21	Woodsmen	N. H.	Mary Rose	Canada	1	Ned L. Parker Justice of Peace Farmington
Oct. 31	Alton	Gloria M. Ferland	Alton	20	Shoe Worker	N. H.	Calvin C. Varney	N. H.	1	
		Nelson W. Berwick	Alton	19	Factory	N. H.	Helen C. Geary	N. H.	1	W. D. Swaffield Clergyman Alton
Nov. 25	Alton	Rita Ann Moore	Laconia	18	Clerk	N. H.	L'ence Wood'd, Sr.	N. H.	1	
		Albert G. Wheeler	Gilford	28	Maintenance	N. H.	Grace I. Guyette	Vt.	1	
		Miriam E. Roy	Alton	41	At Home	R. I.	Aicde J. Ferland	N. H.	1	W. D. Swaffield Clergyman Alton
							Marion L. Hartford	N. H.	1	
							Gordon W. Berwick	Mass.	1	
							Margaret Harris	Mass.	1	
							B'trice M. Thresher	Mass.	1	
							George O. Wheeler	Mass.	1	
							Mary P. Fortie	Canada	1	
							Daniel W. Stafford	Mass.	2	
							Sarah Gilpatric	Michigan	2	

# Deaths Registered in the Town of Alton, N. H., for the Year Ending December 31, 1953

Date of Death	Place of Death	Name and Surname of Deceased	Age in Years	Place of Birth	Sex	Color	Slm, Mar., Wid.	Occupation	Name of Father	Maiden Name of Mother	Cause of Death	Name of Physician Reporting Death
1953												
Jan. 15 Alton		Arthur M. Twombly	71	N. H.	M	M	M	Painter	Chas. B. Twombly	Susan M. Barker	Heart Disease	A. E. Appleyard
Feb. 5 Alton		Andrew F. Carlin	71	Mass.	M	M	M	S Laborer	Dennis Carlin	Margalen R'd'n'n	Cor. Thrombosis	A. E. Appleyard
Feb. 14 Alton		Emma R. Bahr	80	N. Y.	F	F	W	At Home	Henry Ralsch	Lavilla Trask	Carcinoma	A. E. Appleyard
July 2 Alton		Wallace A. Crosby	77	N. S.	M	M	M	Retired	Gert R. Proctor	Sarah A. Collins	Carcinoma	A. E. Appleyard
Aug. 3 Alton		Ella M. Prector	77	N. H.	F	F	S	At Home	Lewis A. Proctor	Hannah J. Burke	Carcinoma	A. E. Quinn
Aug. 6 Alton		Valzora A. Deland	90	N. H.	F	F	W	At Home	Reuben H. Copp	Maria Noble	Pneumonia	A. E. Appleyard
Sept. 12 Alton		Anna G. Thompson	82	Vt.	F	F	W	At Home	Everett Ackley	Sarah Tufts	Carcinoma	A. E. Appleyard
Oct. 25 Alton		Geo. S. Chamberlain	86	N. H.	M	M	W	Retired	Wm. Chamberl'n	Clarissa E. Hall	Heart Disease	A. E. Appleyard
Oct. 30 Alton		Clara Belle Clark	92	N. H.	F	F	W	At Home	Samuel Clark	Adaline Piper	Heart Disease	R. W. Tuttle
Dec. 23 Alton		Carrie B. Carpenter	97	N. H.	F	F	W	At Home	Enos G. Rollins	Almira Crane	Heart Disease	R. W. Tuttle
		Robert Gilbert	81	N. S.	M	M	All White	Laborer	John Gilbert		Carb'n Mon. P.	E. S. Gage

## Out of Town Deaths Reported

1953												
Jan. 4 Somersw'th		Etta L. Elliott	77	N. H.	F	F	M	Housewife	Herman Plumm'r	Mary Page	Heart Disease	W. E. Precourt
Jan. 29 Wolfboro		Frank E. Mitchell	92	N. H.	M	M	W	Retired	Ira E. Mitchell	- - - -	Heart Disease	A. E. Appleyard
Feb. 31 C. Harbor		Mabel B. Brown	76	N. H.	F	F	W	At Home	C. Henry Bickf'd	- - - -	Carcinoma	A. Marshall
Mar. 4 Rochester		George F. Dunham	89	N. H.	M	M	M	Laborer	Sam'l P. Dunh'm	Anna Nunbuth	Heart Disease	A. E. Appleyard
Mar. 4 Rochester		Flora E. Young	83	N. H.	F	F	W	At Home	Samuel Randell	- - - -	Pul. Edema	R. E. Lord
June 31 Wolfboro		Oliver R. Shattuck	65	N. H.	M	M	M	Artist	Harry E. Sh'tuck	Susan A. Hill	Cor. Thrombosis	A. E. Appleyard
June 7 Concord		Alice Smith	76	N. H.	F	F	W	Retired	- - - -	Anna Broke	Pneumonia	A. E. Appleyard
June 18 Wolfboro		Anna M. Stucki	78	N. H.	F	F	W	At Home	John Dane	Susan Magoun	Subarachnoid H.	W. E. Frank
July 7 Wolfboro		John W. Currier	87	N. H.	M	M	M	Retired	Frank Wilson	- - - -	Prostatic Hyper.	A. E. Appleyard
Aug. 10 Wolfboro		Fred T. Wilson	87	N. H.	M	M	M	Retired	H'ry S. Dewsnap	- - - -	Heart Disease	A. E. Appleyard
Aug. 18 Wolfboro		Ruth E. Foster	89	N. H.	F	F	S	Secretary	John Dame	- - - -	Heart Disease	A. E. Appleyard
Oct. 12 C. Harbor		Helen M. Dame	81	N. H.	F	F	M	Housewife	Geo. H. Atwood	Susan Magoun	Heart Disease	A. E. Appleyard
Oct. 21 Laconia		George W. Atwood	85	N. H.	M	M	W	Supt.	Melvin C. Rollins	Mary Wheeler	Cer.-Vascular	A. Marshall
Nov. 24 Wolfboro		Harry M. Rollins	97	N. H.	M	M	W	Foreman	George A. Rollins	Laura Pickering	Heart Disease	J. H. Miller
Dec. 3 York, Me.		Belle S. Wilson	78	N. H.	F	F	M	At Home	Sanborn	Carah J. Ellsworth	Cor. Thrombosis	A. E. Appleyard
Dec. 30 Claremont		Forrest H. Rollins	81	N. H.	M	M	W	Farmer	George A. Rollins	Martha Stevens	Car.omatosis	A. J. Snider
								Retired			U'terative Cavitis	J. D. Skillen

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**OF THE**  
**SCHOOL DISTRICT**  
**OF**  
**Alton, New Hampshire**

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**FOR THE SCHOOL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30th**

**1953**

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## PART I. ADMINISTRATION

### (a) Officers of the School District 1953-1954

#### Moderator

FREDERICK M. PERKINS

#### Clerk

ELIZABETH BEAUDETTE

#### School Board

HAROLD C. SANBORN

Term Expires 1954

ELLIOT W. BURBANK

Term Expires 1955

ARTHUR F. TILTON

Term Expires 1956

#### Treasurer

BEATRICE E. H. GOWEN

#### Auditors

GEORGE H. WALLACE

ROBERT E. JONES

#### Superintendent of Schools

JOHN W. DAY

#### Truant Officer

CLARENCE BARNES

#### Census Taker

RICHARD S. LOVEJOY

#### School Nurse

ANNIE L. ROSENQUIST

#### Union Secretary

MARJORIE WHITE

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## **(b) Report of the Superintendent** **School Year 1953-54**

American citizens, I think, agree with professional educators, that the purpose of education is the development of each individual for the fullest participation in the American democratic way of life. This is a pretty big order. As our economic system changes from the agricultural, independent type to an industrial, interdependent system, preparing the good citizen becomes more difficult. As our outlook changes from national pride to international leadership, the teaching of history, current events, and an understanding of the soundness of the democratic ideals makes education more complex. As we learn that democracy should apply to all phases of American life, economic, and social, as well as political, our task becomes more demanding. We can define our goals in terms of the democratic ideal; but we discover this is much easier than putting them into practice. "Education does not mean teaching people what they do not know; it means teaching them to behave as they do not behave."

### **What Shall We Do With Our Increased Enrollment?**

The national birthrate has jumped from 2,400,000 in 1937, to an estimated 4,000,000 in 1953. In 1906 about 10% of the pupils of high school age attended, while now more than 80% are in high school. Our census taken September 1952 showed twenty pupils for grade 1, in the fall of 1953. Instead, we have had more than 30 enroll. Though Alton is non-industrial, it is a very desirable place to live, and is getting a share of the national population increase.

During the present year, we found it necessary to request emergency funds from your budget committee for an additional teacher. Since Thanksgiving time, we have employed a person to teach our sixth grade and help with physical education. After studying possibilities for housing these children elsewhere in town, it was decided best to hold classes in the cafeteria and shop for the present year.

Census figures show that larger enrollments are likely to continue. We have been running combination classes, Grades I and II, III and IV, V and VI. In the very near future it appears that we shall need rooms and teachers for single grades throughout. Teachers cannot adequately teach double grades of more than 30 pupils. The national average for elementary classrooms is about thirty. Twenty-five is the desirable number if teachers are to have sufficient time for individual needs of the children.

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## Is Our Program Adequate?

It is unusual for a high school of less than 100 pupils to have as broad a program as you provide your children. I am pleased that this is possible. We do not believe in slighting the general courses or the academic. All of your pupils are now having a minimum of 4 years in English and 4 years in history. Some mathematics and science is provided for all pupils. College work in mathematics, science, language is elective. Our commercial program is nearly complete, and our shop program is available for our boys. Home economics courses provide knowledge and practice in homemaking. We continue to need more physical education activities. These should not be limited to athletic teams, but should provide physical and social development for all, including particularly the elementary pupils.

Many of our teachers have taken courses to improve themselves professionally. We must always be alert to improve our teaching methods, and apply new ideas as soon as there is real assurance of their value.

## In What Condition Is Our School Property?

Our building is very clean and sanitary, due to conscientious care by Mr. Stevens. Last summer some needed bookshelves were added in two rooms. Twenty-five moveable desk units were provided. Two teacher's desks have been supplied. Equipment for the commercial room is nearly sufficient, but we are starting a policy of replacing machines so we shall continue to have new models. Shop equipment for woodworking is adequate. We must purchase more if the program is to include automotive and metal working units.

Some interior painting was completed by our custodian and a local contractor. The shop building received additional coats of paint both inside and out, and the cement floor was sealed. We are planning to strengthen the supports under the floor of one room during the winter vacation. It is our desire to keep all of our school property in good repair.

## What About School Finances?

Increased enrollment, the addition of complete commercial and shop courses, extension of transportation routes, extensive repairs and renovation, capital outlay for the new shop and equipment, additional teachers and increased salaries, inflation, have combined to cause a large increase in your school budget. It seems unavoidable



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if we are to give our boys and girls in Alton the quality of education comparable to other good communities.

We find it necessary to ask for another deficiency appropriation to cover costs of the additional teacher and classroom equipment. The deficiency may be less than first thought necessary. We are trying to spend the funds provided wisely, and make them go as far as possible consistent with good education.

The budget proposed for 1954-1955 provides for money to take care of increased enrollments, additional building, and a continuance of present services. We hope that there will be opportunities for thorough discussion of needs and alternate plans. We have no desire to increase costs beyond a necessary minimum but we are faced with the needs and have to propose some solutions.

### How Can We Provide Additional Space?

It seems probable that present enrollment increases will continue. We shall need soon three or four additional elementary classrooms. We can continue to add rooms to our present structure in the most economical manner and with the welfare of our children in mind. Or we can start a new structure of four rooms, planned particularly for the primary children. This new structure could be a part of an over-all plan, to continue as the years require and local finances make possible. It might include in time, a gymnasium or all-purpose room for school and community activities. We could move gradually towards the most desirable in school building plants.

Such a choice or some other, must be made by the citizens of Alton, after all facts are considered. It would seem wise to include in our warrant for district meeting in March articles which will permit such a choice. Perhaps the voters will wish to adjourn the meeting, postpone action until a special committee can study with the school board, and bring in recommendations for action in mid-summer.

As we plan for our children and the future of Alton, we should bring our best thoughts to bear on the present and future requirements.

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I am grateful for the confidence, support, and friendliness of the people, the school board, the budget committee, the teachers, and the children of your fine community.

JOHN W. DAY.



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## (c) A STATEMENT OF Salary of the Superintendent, August 1, 1952—June 30, 1953

\*(Required by Laws of 1953, Chapter 243, Section 5 as amended.)

Paid by:	Percent	Salary	Regular Transpor.	Total
Alton School District	19.5	755.22	178.75	933.97
Barnstead School District	8.2	284.06	75.16	359.22
New Durham School District	4.1	154.00	37.58	191.58
Pittsfield School District	28.3	1,105.63	259.41	1,365.04
Tuftonboro School District	9.8	365.19	89.82	455.01
Wolfeboro School District	30.1	1,208.86	275.91	1,484.77
	100.0%	3,872.96	916.63	4,789.59
State's Share from Per Capita Tax		2,085.30		2,085.30
Totals		\$5,958.26	\$916.63	\$6,874.89

\* Though Mr. Day served as superintendent during July 1952, part time, his employment and salary officially began August 1, 1952.

## PART II. INSTRUCTION

### (a) Teachers

Names	Present Teaching Assignment	(a) Teachers		Degree Advanced & College Credits	Certification
		Enroll-ment	Years Experience		
Mary Louise Boyd	J. H., Eng., Soc. St. Gr. 7	28	4	A.B.	License
John Bucher	Eng., U. S. Hist., Lat. Gr. 12	16	10	B. Ed.	Certificate
Helena Drew	Grade 4 14, Grade 5 15	29	19	Diplo.	Certificate
Theodore Floros	J. H., Arith., Science Gr. 8	23	5	B. Ed.	Certificate
Zelma Guy	Grade 1	31	24	Diplo.	Certificate
Ellen Grau	Vocal Music, one day			B. Mus.	License
Eleanor Hayes	Ho. Econ., M. E. Hist.	24	22	Diplo.	Certificate
Gene Lovejoy	French, part time		6	A.B.	License
Richard Lovejoy	Principal, Math., Sci. Soc. St.		10	A.B.	Lic. and Per.
Matilda McDonough	Commerce, Soc. St., Gr. 11	19	26	B. Ed.	Certificate
Elizabeth Parker	Grade 2 14, Grade 3 21	35	34	Diplo.	Certificate
Roscoe E. Twombly	Shop, Math. Grade 10	16	14	Phys. Ed.	
Ira Clark	Grade 6 and coaching	17	1	6 sem. hrs.	License
				B. Ed.	

Total Enrollment, January 27, 1954

238 14.6

Average 53-54 salaries of Alton teachers

\$2,970.00\*

Average 53-54 salaries of New Hampshire teachers

\$3,253.00

National average—elementary \$3,400; high \$3,900.00

\*Includes principal

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## PART III. FINANCE

### (a) Annual Report of the District Treasurer for the Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 1953

Cash on hand, July 1, 1952 (Treasurer's Bank Balance)	\$1,330.70
Received from Selectmen:	
Current Appropriation	\$44,709.62
Bond Issue	19,950.00
Received from State Treasurer:	
State Funds	610.02
Federal Funds	384.15
Received from Tuitions	7,087.00
Received from all Other Sources	449.00
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Total Receipts	\$73,189.79
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Total Amount Available for Fiscal Year (Balance and Receipts)	\$74,520.49
Less School Board Orders Paid	74,520.49
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Balance on Hand, June 30, 1953 (Treasurer's Bank Balance)	0000.00
	BEATRICE E. H. GOWEN,
July 14, 1954	District Treasurer.

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### AUDITORS' CERTIFICATE

This is to certify that we have examined the books, vouchers, bank statements and other financial records of the treasurer of the school district of Alton, N. H., of which the above is a true summary for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1953, and find them correct in all respects.

GEORGE H. WALLACE,  
ROBERT E. JONES,

September 14, 1953

Auditors.

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## (b) Financial Report of the School Board for the School Year 1952-1953

### Receipts

#### Federal Aid

Smith-Hughes and George-Barden	\$384.15	
National School Lunch	610.02	
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Total		\$994.17

#### Local Taxation

Current Appropriation	\$44,709.62
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#### Other Sources

Elementary School Tuitions	\$2,342.00	
Secondary School Tuitions	4,745.00	
Notes or Bonds	19,950.00	
Other	98.40	
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Total		\$27,135.40

Total Net Receipts from All Sources	\$72,839.19
Cash on Hand at Beginning of Year, July 1, 1952	
General Fund	1,330.70
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Grand Total Net Receipts	\$74,169.89

### Payments

	Total	High School	Elem.
Administration			
Salaries of District Officers	\$251.00	\$85.34	\$165.66
Superintendent's Salary			
(Local Share)	933.97	317.55	616.42
Tax for State Wide Supervision	400.00	116.00	284.00
Salaries of Other Administrative			
Personnel	532.43	181.03	351.40
Supplies and Expenses	241.75	82.19	159.56

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## Instruction

Teachers' Salaries	28,275.86	13,611.97	14,663.89
Books and Other Instructional Aids	769.48	409.64	359.84
Scholars' Supplies	854.22	276.87	577.35
Supplies and Other Expenses	695.31	362.66	332.65

## Operation of School Plant

Salaries of Janitors	2,213.20	752.72	1,460.48
Fuel or Heat	1,400.00	457.94	942.06
Water, light, supplies and Expenses	993.67	342.00	651.67

## Maintenance of School Plant

Repairs and Replacements	1,855.92	815.77	1,040.15
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## Auxiliary Activities

Health Supervision	767.97	290.94	477.03
Transportation	9,788.00		9,788.00
Tuition	687.12	285.00	402.12
Special Activities and Special Funds	163.18	124.54	38.64
School Lunch (Federal Funds Only)	526.80	175.58	351.22

## Fixed Charges

Retirement	1,876.70	628.90	1,247.80
Insurance, Treasurer's Bonds and Expenses	293.00	98.00	195.00

Total Current Expenses	\$53,519.58	\$19,414.64	\$34,104.94
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## Capital Outlay

Lands and New Buildings	10,877.24	7,251.50	3,625.74
Addition and Improvements to Buildings	7,750.75	2,583.59	5,167.16
New Equipment	2,022.32	1,348.21	674.11

Total Net Payments			
— for All Purposes	\$74,169.89	\$30,597.94	\$43,571.95

Cash on Hand at End of Year  
(June 30, 1953)

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Grand Total, Net Payments	\$74,169.89		
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### Explanation of Difference Between Net (Actual) Expenditures and Gross Transactions

#### A. Receipts

Total Net Income Plus Cash on Hand July 1, 1952, (Agrees with "Grand Total Net Receipts")	\$74,169.89
Receipts from Refunds, Double Payments, "In and Out" Transactions Between Districts, Transfers to or from Building or Other Accounts	350.60
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Total Gross Income	\$74,520.49

#### B. Payments

Total Net Payments Plus Cash on Hand June 30, 1953. (Agrees with "Grand Total Net Payments")	\$74,169.89
Payments Refunded or Returned, Payments Made on Centralized Purchasing for Other Districts (to be reported by them), Transfers to or from Building or Other Accounts, Local Tax Funds Returned to Selectmen, etc.	350.60
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Total Gross Payments	\$74,520.49

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### BALANCE SHEET, JUNE 30, 1953

#### Assets

Cash on Hand, June 30, 1953	none
Accounts Due the District:	
Tuitions Receivable	\$140.00
Total Assets	140.00
Net Debt—Excess of Liabilities Over Assets	22,828.08
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Grand Total Liabilities	\$22,968.08
Accounts Owed by District:	
Manifest No. 1, July 15	\$2,632.37

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Manifest No. 2, July 15	82.92
Manifest No. 3, July 15	302.79
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Current Amounts owed by district before June 30, remaining unpaid because of no funds	3,018.08
Notes Outstanding—Farmington National Bank	19,950.00
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Total Liabilities	\$22,968.08

\* Net current deficit for School Year 52-53, \$2,878.08 covered by deficit appropriation paid over during school year 53-54, and credits received by district treasurer after June 30, 1953.

### (c) Budget of the School District of Alton

Administration					
	Adopted Budget 1952-53	Actual Expendi- tures 1952-53	Adopted Budget 1953-54	School Board's Budget 1954-55	Budget Comm't. Budget 1954-55
Salaries of district officers					
Superintendent's Salary (local share)	\$247.00	\$251.00	\$297.00	\$301.00	\$301.00
Tax for state wide supervision	862.88	933.97	1,067.63	906.20	906.20
Salaries of other administrative personnel	400.00	400.00	400.00	400.00	400.00
Supplies and expenses	468.00	532.43	456.00	493.25	493.25
	400.00	241.75	350.00	550.00	550.00
Instruction					
High school teachers' and Principal's salaries	12,000.00	13,611.97	(32,050.00	36,600.00	(35,600.00
Elementary teachers' and Principals' salaries	14,450.00	14,663.89			
Books and other instruction aids, high	300.00	409.64	400.00	450.00	{ 900.00
Books and other instruction aids, elementary	500.00	359.84	300.00	700.00	}
Scholars' supplies, high	600.00	276.87	600.00	750.00	{ 1,500.00
Scholars' supplies, elementary	800.00	577.35	600.00	1,000.00	}
Supplies and other expenses, high	300.00	362.66	300.00	300.00	300.00
Supplies and other expenses, elementary	400.00	332.65	400.00	400.00	400.00
Operation of School Plant					
Salaries of janitors, high	800.00	752.72	(2,600.00	(2,800.00	{ 2,600.00
Salaries of janitors, elementary	1,600.00	1,460.48	(	(	}
Fuel or heat, high	500.00	457.94	(1,800.00	(1,800.00	{ 1,800.00
Fuel or heat, elementary	1,000.00	942.06	(	(	}
Water, light, supplies and expenses, high	300.00	342.00	(1,000.00	(1,000.00	{ 1,000.00
Water, light, supplies and expenses, elem.	550.00	651.67	(	(	}



<b>Maintenance of School Plant</b>				
Repairs and replacements, high	400.00	815.77	(800.00	500.00 } { 1,100.00
Repairs and replacements, elementary	800.00	1,040.15	(	600.00 } }
<b>Auxiliary Activities</b>				
Health supervision, high	300.00	290.94	(950.00	950.00 { 950.00
Health supervision, elementary	600.00	477.03	(	{
Transportation, elementary	8,500.00	9,788.00	9,800.00	10,200.00 { 10,200.00
Tuition, high		285.00		
Tuition, elementary	161.94	402.12	400.00	380.00 { 380.00
Special Activities and special funds, high	500.00	124.54	(650.00	600.00 { 600.00
Special Activities and special funds, elem.	450.00	38.64	(	{
School lunch, high		175.58		
School lunch, elementary		351.22		
<b>Fixed Charges</b>				
Retirement, high	700.00	628.90	(2,050.00	(2,745.96 { 2,575.00
Retirement, elementary	887.00	1,247.80	(	{
Insurance, treas. bonds and expenses, high	100.00	98.00	(750.00	869.00 { 869.00
Insurance, treas. bonds and expenses, elem.	200.00	195.00	(	{
Contingency Fund	1,100.00		1,500.00	1,500.00 { 1,500.00
Total Current Expenses	\$51,176.82	\$53,519.58	\$59,520.63	\$66,795.41 \$64,924.45
<b>Capital Outlay</b>				
Lands and new buildings, high	10,050.00	7,251.50		100.00 { 150.00
Lands and new buildings, elementary		3,625.74		60,000.00 { 60,000.00
Additions and improvements, high	8,500.00	2,583.59	(550.00	600.00 { 1,000.00
Additions and improvements, elementary		5,167.16	(	400.00 { 6,500.00
New equipment, high	4,200.00	1,348.21	(780.00	(500.00 { 500.00
New equipment, elementary		674.11	(	{

	Adopted Budget	Actual Expendi- tures	Adopted Budget	School Board's Budget	Budget Comm't. Budget
<b>Debt and Interest</b>	1952-53	1952-53	1953-54	1954-55	1954-55
Principal of debt			5,000.00	4,000.00	4,000.00
Interest on debt			450.00	1,098.76	348.76
Budget Deficiency			2,500.00	2,800.00	2,800.00
Total expenditure or sch. approp.	\$73,926.82	\$74,169.89	\$68,800.63	\$136,294.17	\$80,223.21
<b>Receipts</b>					
Balance (actual or estimated)	1,392.20	1,330.70		250.00	250.00
Federal aid Barden and Lunch	250.00	994.17		6,095.00	6,095.00
High School tuition	4,375.00	4,745.00	6,800.00	1,440.00	1,440.00
Elementary school tuition	2,250.00	2,342.00	1,200.00	1,500.00	1,500.00
Other	1,000.00	98.40	1,500.00		
Notes	19,950.00	19,950.00			
Total Receipts other than Property taxes	\$29,217.20	\$29,460.27	\$9,500.00	\$9,265.00	\$9,285.00
District Assessment Raised or to be raised by Property taxes	44,709.62	44,709.62	59,300.63	67,029.17	64,438.21
Total appropriation voted by school district For Addition on New Building, Notes, Special Article	\$73,926.82	\$74,169.89	\$68,800.63	\$76,294.17	\$73,723.21
				60,000.00	6,500.00
				\$136,294.17	\$80,223.21

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## PART IV. PUPIL STATISTICS

### (a) Alton School Census Report 1953-1954

Ages, as of Sept. 1953	No. of children Not attending school									
	Total	Boys	Girls	No. children attend. pub. sch. within dist.	Outside Dist.	No. children attend. parochial school outside Dist.	No. children attend. private schools outside Dist.	Excused by Sch. Bd., St. Bd. of Ed., or Com. of Ed.	Reached 14 or 16, completed Elem. but not high school.	Completed High Sch.
1	22	12	10							
2	15	9	6							
3	14	8	6							
4	25	13	12							
5	18	10	8	10						
6	23	14	9	19	3			1		
7	21	8	13	19	2					
8	19	11	8	19						
9	16	8	8	16						
10	19	10	9	16	2		1			
11	16	12	4	16						
12	17	5	12	17						
13	10	6	4	9	1					
14	11	7	4	10		1				
15	19	7	12	18	1					
16	16	7	9	11	1				2	
17	11	3	8	7					2	2
18	20	10	10	1	1				7	11
Totals	330	170	160	188	11	1	1	1	11	13
Number of Handicapped children										
	3	2	1							

### (b) Census Summary of Recent Years

Total number of boys and girls living in Alton on September 1 from birth through age 18.

1953	330
1952	326
1951	295
1950	256
1949	275

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## PART V. AUXILIARY ACTIVITIES AND REPORTS

### (a) Report of the High School Principal

We started the present school year with the same teaching staff in all the grades. The total enrollment shows a small increase over last year, but with a large increase in the first grade. Over 240 pupils have registered this year, and a few have left for schools in other districts.

Until this year, Mrs. Guy has taught grades 1 and 2. This year, with the unexpected increase in grade 1, she had a total of 46 students. This was a decided handicap, both to her and to the students. A new teacher, Mr. Ira Clark, was employed to teach grade 6. This has resulted in grade 2 moving into Mrs. Parker's room, and grade 4 moving into Mrs. Drew's room. Mrs. Guy now has just the first grade, thirty-one pupils. Mr. Clark, in addition to teaching grade 6, is developing a physical education program with grades 6, 7, and 8. The intent is to expand in the future.

Again, I would like to commend the students for their cooperation in and about the building in helping to keep it looking clean and well-kept. The majority of the students are cooperative, put forth real effort in their work, and maintain a good attendance record. In the case of those who do not, I sincerely urge that the parents check on their children's study habits, and that they see that absences and tardinesses are a necessity, not just a matter of convenience.

A brief survey of last year's class shows: 1 at the University of New Hampshire, 1 at Concord Hospital Nursing School; 2 at Laconia Telephone office; 1 taking the Apprenticeship Course at General Electric in Somersworth; 1 at secretarial school; 1 working for a local dairy concern;

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1 working in Wolfeboro; 1 at Laconia Business College; 1 working in Florida; and 1 in the Armed Services.

Of this year's class at the present time 2 have been accepted at the University of New Hampshire; 4 have applied for admittance to the University; 1 has been accepted at Plymouth Teachers' College; 2 are applying to Plymouth Teachers' College.

In conclusion, I wish to thank the School Board, the Superintendent, and the citizens for their splendid cooperation.

Respectfully submitted,

RICHARD S. LOVEJOY,

Principal.

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### (b) Report of School Health Work

To the Townspeople, School Board, and Superintendent of  
Schools of the Town of Alton, New Hampshire:

The following is my third annual report of the school  
health work of the Town of Alton.

The general health of the school children is good. Last  
spring we had a few scattered cases of whooping cough.  
However, the common cold and the flu seem to cause the  
greatest percentage of absence among the pupils.

The annual physical check-up has been performed by  
the school physician, Dr. A. E. Appleyard, M.D. Grades II,  
IV, VI, VIII, X, and XII have been examined. This in-  
cludes a thorough physical examination, blood pressure and  
urinalysis. The parents have been notified where defects  
were found.

The routine hearing- and eye-testing have been made  
using the audiometer and Massachusetts vision machine.  
Classroom visits and individual inspections have been made  
whenever necessary. Home visits have also been made.

If the townspeople of Alton find it necessary and de-  
sirable to expand their building, I should like to have you  
consider our need for a separate room for health services.  
We do miss a room for individual inspections, eye- and  
hearing-testing, medical exams, and first aid. It would be  
of great help for the nurse, students, teachers, doctors.

The following is a statistical report of the school nurs-  
ing work during the year 1952-53:

Report of Local Medical Services:	
	No.
Pupils Examined	155

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## Tests:

Tuberculosis	197
Chest X-Ray	7

Defects Found by Medical Examinations	No. Cases.	No. Seen or Treated By Family Phy- sician
Skin	1	1
Ears	3	3
T & A	15	7
Teeth	19	
Glands	2	2
Nutrition	1	1

## Report of School Nurse:

	No. of pupils
Vision Tests	220
Hearing Tests	213
Inspections	563
Heights	215
Weights	215
First Aid	10
Home visits	337

Defects Found School Nurse:	No. Cases	No. of pupils Seen or treated by Family Physician
Vision	24	24
Hearing	2	2
Skin	2	2
Teeth	49	
Tonsils	29	

## Communicable diseases:

Chicken pox	3
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German measles	1
Whooping cough	4
Poliomyelitis	1
Undulant fever	1
Pediculosis	9
Vaccinations, successfully	213

In closing I wish to express my appreciation to parents, teachers, and all others who have assisted me with the school health program. I am always glad to see or hear from parents at any time regarding their children or pertaining to the health program of the school.

Respectfully submitted,

(Mrs.) ANNIE L. ROSENQUIST, R. N.,  
School Nurse.

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A report of the health work which has been done in Alton by the Division of Maternity Infancy and Child Hygiene of the N. H. State Board of Health, cooperating with the local agencies as represented through the Child Health Conference Committee.

Number of clinics held	3
Number children attended	21
Number found with defects	4
Immunized 21,—17 preschool—4 infants	

Joanna M. Carter  
Staff Nurse,



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## PART VI. SCHOOL CALENDAR FOR 1954-1955

(Subject to change)

### 1954

Sept.	7	Union Teachers' Meeting
Sept.	8	Schools open
Oct.	12	Columbus Day—No School
Oct.	14-15	Teachers Convention
Nov.	24	Schools close at 1:00 p. m. for Thanksgiving
Nov.	29	Schools open
Dec.	22	Schools close at 1:00 p. m. for Christmas vacation

### 1955

Jan.	3	Schools open
Feb.	18	Schools close at 1:00 p. m. for winter vacation
Feb.	23	Schools open
Apr.	15	Schools close at 3:00 p. m.
Apr.	25	Schools open
May	30	Memorial Day—No School
June	10	Schools close for summer vacation

Teachers may attend State Teachers' Convention and appropriate Institutes and Workshops, which will count as part of the 180 days of school required by law. Days lost because of stormy weather or other reasons will be made up on Saturdays preceding vacations, or by continuing in the week of June 13.

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<b>Month</b>	<b>Number of School Days</b>
September	17
October	20
November	20
December	16
January	21
February	18
March	23
April	16
May	21
June	8
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Total,	180

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WARRANT OF SCHOOL DISTRICT MEETING

THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

To the Inhabitants of the School District in the Town of Alton, New Hampshire, qualified to vote in District Affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet at the Town Hall, in said District, on the 13th day of March 1954, at 2:00 o'clock in the afternoon to act upon the following subjects:

Article 1. To choose a Moderator for the coming year.

Article 2. To choose a Clerk for the ensuing year.

Article 3. To choose a Member of the School Board for the ensuing three years.

Article 4. To choose a Treasurer for the ensuing year.

Article 5. To hear the reports of agents, auditors, committees or officers heretofore chosen, and to pass any vote relating thereto.

Article 6. To choose agents, auditors, and committees, in relation to any subject embraced in this Warrant.

Article 7. To see what sum of money the District will raise and appropriate for the support of schools, for the salaries of School District officials and agents, and for the payment of statutory obligations of the district, and to authorize the application against said appropriation of such sums as are estimated to be received from the state equalization fund together with other income; the School Board to certify to the Selectmen the balance between the estimated revenue and the appropriation which balance is to be raised by taxes by the Town.

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Article 8. To see if the district will vote to raise and appropriate, in addition to the original appropriation for 1953-1954 a sum of \$2,800, to be made available to the school district prior to July 1, 1954, in order to meet unanticipated obligations caused by the salary of an additional teacher, school furnishings, increases in transportation and teachers' retirement.

Article 9. To see what action the district will take in the selection of a suitable site, and to see what sum the district will vote to raise and appropriate for the construction, equipment and furnishing of a new elementary school and the acquisition of any real property that may be necessary for its location, and whether the district will vote to raise such sums through the issuance of serial notes or bonds upon the credit of the district for all or any portion of the sum so raised and appropriated; and to authorize the school board to determine the terms and conditions upon which the notes or bonds shall be issued including their sale and time and place of payment in accordance with the provisions of the Municipal Bonds Statutes and any amendments relating thereto.

Article 10. If Article 9 is not adopted, to see what sum the district will vote to raise and appropriate for the construction, equipment, and furnishing of additional room or rooms to Alton Central School, and the acquisition of any real property that may be necessary for their location, and whether the district will vote to raise such sum through the issuance of serial notes or bonds upon the credit of the district for all or any portion of the sum so raised and appropriated; and to authorize the school board to determine the terms and conditions upon which the notes or bonds shall be is-

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sued including their sale and time and place of payment in accordance with the provisions of the Municipal Bonds Statutes and any amendments relating thereto.

Article 11. If Articles 9 or 10 are not adopted, to see what action the district will take to provide additional classroom space, and what sum the district will raise and appropriate for such purpose.

Article 12. To see if the district will vote to appoint or elect a building committee to advise with the school board in the construction of a new elementary school, or additional rooms to the present school, providing that the plans and specifications and the selection of any site shall finally be approved by the school board acting alone as required by law, and to further authorize the school board to execute any and all contracts or agreements proper and advisable in connection with the construction and equipping of said school.

Article 13. To see if the district will vote to accept gifts or grants from any source whatsoever for the purpose of building and equipping additional classroom space, and/or reducing the amount already appropriated for such purposes.

Article 14. To see if the School District will vote to ratify the action of the School Board in selling the so-called "Much-a-do" school property to Mrs. Ruth Billings, and ratify and confirm the deed given to consummate the sale.

Article 15. To transact any other business that may legally come before said meeting.

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Given under our hand at said Alton, New Hampshire,  
this 26th day of February, 1954.

HAROLD SANBORN,  
ELLIOT W. BURBANK,  
ARTHUR TILTON,

School Board.

A true copy of Warrant—Attest:

HAROLD SANBORN,  
ELLIOT W. BURBANK,  
ARTHUR TILTON,

School Board.













